

# The Circle Maker

Sermon Series on Prayer  
Sundays, Feb. 21-Apr. 4



Sunday, February 28, 2021 | Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Jessica Bollinger

Welcome & Announcements

Rachel Carosiello

Hymn

*Here I Am to Worship*

*Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see  
beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.*

**Chorus:** *Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're  
my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

*King of all days, oh, so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came  
to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.* **Chorus**

**Bridge:** *And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
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Call to Worship

Leader: Today we step up a little higher on our Lenten journey.

**All: We are moving from contemplation to action.**

Leader: Are you ready to take the next step?

**All: Yes, we are ready and trust that Jesus goes with us.**

Leader: Come, let us walk together on this journey toward a life of prayer.

**All: Lord, prepare our hearts and our spirits to take this next step courageously  
in faith. Amen.**

Extinguishing the Lenten Candles

Leader: *[offers a meditation, ending with these words]*...Listen in silence, for Jesus is  
calling you. Where is God calling you to go? What is God calling you to do?

*[Time of silence for listening.]*

Leader: As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injury done to  
the Earth and its ecosystems.

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to  
your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our  
lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen.**

Offertory

Jessica Bollinger

*Looking for our giving options?*

*You can give online by opening your camera app and scanning the QR code below or  
give as you leave in the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary.*



Scripture Reading

**1 Kings 18:41-46**

Kevin Mitchell

<sup>41</sup> Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of rushing rain." <sup>42</sup> So Ahab  
went up to eat and to drink. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; there he bowed himself down  
upon the earth and put his face between his knees. <sup>43</sup> He said to his servant, "Go up now, look  
toward the sea." He went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." Then he said, "Go again  
seven times." <sup>44</sup> At the seventh time he said, "Look, a little cloud no bigger than a person's hand  
is rising out of the sea." Then he said, "Go say to Ahab, 'Harness your chariot and go down  
before the rain stops you.'" <sup>45</sup> In a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind;  
there was a heavy rain. Ahab rode off and went to Jezreel. <sup>46</sup> But the hand of the LORD was on  
Elijah; he girded up his loins and ran in front of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Message

Pray Believing

Rev. Rachel Carosiello

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Rachel Carosiello

Hymn

*Take Time to Be Holy*

UMH #395, all verses

*Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.*

*Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.*

*Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.*

*Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.*

Benediction

Rev. Rachel Carosiello