

**I Surrender (by Lou Mulford Greig)**

I surrender my head Away with my hands	I surrender my toes Relinquish my nose.
I've blocked my own path My self-centered choices	Got in my own way just lead me astray.
I've raised my white flag To wrangle with You	It's not worth the fight is not very bright.
My heart is all Yours It's not about me	You choose where I go You're the star of the show.
Peace is now mine You knew all along	That popular quest how to bless me with rest.
I surrender dear Lord Help me finish this race	You own all my days in the grace of Your ways.

In addition to acting in television and film roles including *NCIS*, *Mad Men*, *General Hospital*, and *The Young and the Restless*, Lou is the daughter of our Marty Terry. This poem is from Lou's book *Passion & Praise: An Inspirational Collection of Poetry and Photography* (2015)

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Our pastor, Dr. Craig Wansink, received his Ph.D. from Yale University in New Testament and Ancient Christianity and his M. Div. from McCormick Theological Seminary. A native of Iowa, he also studied at universities in Japan, Jordan, Germany and Israel. Craig has been ordained since 1987 and, since 1993, has been a Professor of Religious Studies at Virginia Wesleyan College. Currently he serves as the Brock Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom. He has two children, Katrina and Teddy.

Our Minister of Music and Congregational Support, Isaac Thomas joined the SPC staff in May 2014. He has served as a church music director in Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas. He received his education at The University of Arkansas and John Brown University and then pursued further study in conducting, piano and voice at Texas Wesleyan University and The University of Texas at Arlington. He has had the distinction of being commissioned to compose for The American Boychoir (Princeton, NJ) as well as serving as conductor for Twila Paris and Fernando Ortega.

**Strengthening Relationships: Finding Joy in a Broken World**

**“Hold Fast”**

**Second Presbyterian Church, January 24, 2016**



**“The good news, as Jesus proclaims it, is not just an evacuation plan to rescue people from earth or the sufferings of the afterlife, transporting them to heaven. Rather, it is a revolutionary strategy to redeem the sufferings of earth by putting the rule and reign of heaven inside of people.”**

**— Ronnie McBryer**

— We Gather in God’s Name —

**GATHERING MUSIC** *“I Sing Praises to Your Name”* —Music by Terry MacAlmon

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *“Jesu, Our Joy, We Adore Thee”*

—Music by J.S. Bach (1685-1750) and L.V. Beethoven (1770-1827); Arranged by Jay Rouse

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 139)

God, you search me and know me. Before I sit, you know when I will rise.

**God, you search me and know me. Before I speak, you know what I will say.**

God, you search me and know me, in my joy and despair, in my breathing in and breathing out.

**God, you search me and know me. Your knowledge is too deep to reach, too vast to comprehend.**

God, you search me and know me.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart.**

**\*HYMN (See Insert)** *“Glorify Thy Name”* —Words and Music by Donna Adkins

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

**I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them for the work was hard.**

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

**I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.**

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

**I closed them, for I did not want to see.**

You asked for my life that you might work through me.

**I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.**

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—

**Only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF GRACE**

We know there is no limit to God’s love and grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus. The challenge is for us to live as forgiven people, to claim this truth, and live it out in the world. Share the spirit of forgiveness and embrace the outcast, knowing that there is nothing that can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE #322 (verses 1 & 2)** *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

—Words by Annie S. Hawks; Music by Robert Lowry

***I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee. O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee. I need thee every hour, stay thou near by; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee. O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee.***

**\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.

— We Hear the Word —

**TIME OF DISCOVERY #26 (verses 1 & 6)** *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”* —Traditional Spiritual

***He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands. He’s got everybody here in his hands. He’s got everybody here in his hands. He’s got everybody here in his hands. He’s got the whole world in his hands.***

*For those desiring care for infants and young children, please note that the nursery is available during the service for children four years of age and younger. After the Time of Discovery, five-year-olds also are welcome in the nursery. In addition, there is a “family room” available at the back of the sanctuary.*

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *“My Song in the Night”* —American Folk Hymn; Arranged by Mack Wilberg

*O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the the night, come to us with Thy tender love, my soul’s delight, unto Thee, O Lord in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night. O why should I wander an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see? My comfort and joy, my soul’s delight, O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Philippians 3:4-16, 20

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**SERMON**

“Hold Fast”

Dr. Craig Wansink

“I Surrender”

Owen Wagner

— We Respond to God’s Word —

*If you have a request you would like the congregation to pray for, please fill out a prayer request form (found in the friendship register) and place it in the offering plate. We will include that request in the bulletin for a month, unless you request for us to leave it longer.*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: THE SHARING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY AND PRAYER** *“Wonderful Words of Life”* —Music by Philip P. Bliss; Arranged by Jay Rouse

**\*THE DOXOLOGY #965** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**\*AFFIRMATION: IN OUR WAKING**

In our waking and arising, **be the first thought that enters our head.**

In our eating and drinking, **be the first thought that enters our head.**

In our walking and journeying, **be the first thought that enters our head.**

In our working and serving, **be the first thought that enters our head.**

In our sowing and harvesting, **be the first thought that enters our head.**

In our rejoicing and sorrowing, **be the first thought that enters our head.**

In our resting and sleeping, **be the first thought that enters our head.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS**

Alice Allen-Grimes, Joe Morgan, Bill Reed, Denise Tinkham

**\*HYMN (See Insert)** *“Press On”* —Words based on Philippians 3:14; Music by Dan Burgess

— We Are Sent in Christ’s Name —

**\*BENEDICTION**

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes, the love of God be reflected in your hands, the wisdom of God be reflected in your words, and the knowledge of God flow from your heart, that all might see. And seeing, believe. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* —Music by Lowell Mason; Arranged by Jay Rouse

“Being steadfast in belief does not exclude all temptations from without. When we say a tree is firmly rooted, we do not say the wind never blows upon it.” —John Owen

“Stand in a stream with waters around your ankles. The waters that pass by you at that moment, you will never see again. So it is with the misery that has challenged your life: Let it go, let it pass away.” —T.D. Jakes

As you leave Second, know that God calls you beyond these walls, to serve Christ and others in your daily life.

Welcome. You do not need to be Presbyterian. You do not even need to be Christian. However, if you are, but haven’t been to a church for a long time, welcome back!

“By perseverance the snail reached the ark.” —C. H. Spurgeon

“Heroes are not the ones that never fail, but the ones who never give up.” —Ed Cole