

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a
community of disciples
with a heart for God
and hands to help others.

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* = All who are able please stand. **boldface** = Congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God our Provider, we 'zoomed' into church today needing you in different ways. Some of us need strength because we are facing a big challenge. Some of us need hope, because we are feel like giving up. Some of us need love because we are feeling alone. We trust that you will provide for us, whether through words or music, or in a quiet moment of reflection. You are here, you are with us. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this season of Lent, we make our way to cross.

People: We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity.

Leader: In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ's example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,

People: To embrace trust in God and love for humanity, so we may make our journey, and let us worship God.

HYMN #210

Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me (Psalm 22)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We hear the words from Jesus: "Take up your cross and follow me." These words scare us. We know what taking up a cross meant for him. We do not feel able to sacrifice our lives. We are not even ready on most days to sacrifice smaller things for the sake of the Kingdom.

People: Today O God we confess our timidity, our weaknesses, our fears, and our hesitations. As we gather today—as we look at the cross in front of us, as we remember the crosses that marked our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, such a short time ago, to begin the Lenten journey, as we think of the Cross that Lent calls us to journey towards may we find growth in new places deep within our souls. May we find courage, hope, and the peace to really follow Jesus. Hear our prayers, remind us of the grace that covers our sin. Amen and Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's grace through Jesus Christ is abundant: we are forgiven!

People: Let us give thanks, and grow in the love of God. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:31-38

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *Let it Grow*

Responding to the Word

SONG

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Going Forth to Serve

BLESSING

RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION:

You Shall Go Out With Joy

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Leslie Menconi, Children's Moment

Ann Raley, Reader

Kurt Schweitz, Messenger Band Director

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor