



March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
17th Century English Melody, Arr. by Anna Laura Page

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT..... "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
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❖**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 27:1)*
The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
Come, seek God in this time of worship.

❖**HYMN** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" **#509**
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❖**CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. (a time for silent confession) Loving God, forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

❖**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖**AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, open us to your Word and your way. Help us to seek you, your truth, and the message you intend for us today. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, pg. 1635
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ... "Bread That Is Christ's Body" ... The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

❖**HYMN** "One Bread, One Body" **#530**
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2nd SCRIPTURE John 6:1-14, pg. 1518
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION "Barley Bread" The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

CHORAL ANTHEM....."Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"
(Words by Charles William Everest, music from "Hesperian Harp" arr. David Lantz III)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from The Theological Declaration of Barmen*)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY Genevan Psalter (*Public Domain*)..... **#606**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

❖ **HYMN** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" **#547**
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❖SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE..... "Shine, Jesus, Shine"
Graham Kendrick, Arr. by Ellen Banks Ellwell

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Larry Evans

Greeter: Mary Ellen Weller

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

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