

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Theme: Humble Ambassadors of Christ



“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14

GATHERING

Prelude: “Beneath the Cross” Jason Payne

Call to Worship

Leader: On this Second Sunday of Lent, we gather empty-handed, as broken people who serve a magnificent God.

People: Let us worship the Lord with gladness. Let us come before Him with joyful songs.

Leader: O God, You spoke the Earth into being, You stretched out the starry heavens, You healed the leper, and You raised the dead.

People: We come before You in awe, for You are a powerful God.

Leader: O God, You judged wickedness in the days of Noah, You condemn evil in all generations, and You will come again to right all wrongs.

People: We come before You in reverence, for You are a holy God.

Leader: O God, You kept your promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In the fullness of time, You sent the promised Deliverer—the Lamb of God—to take away the sins of the world.

People: We come before You in faith, for You are a trustworthy God.

Leader: O God, You ate with the tax collector, accepted the downtrodden, rescued the lost, and ran to greet the Prodigal.

People: We come before You in gratitude, for You are a loving God.

ALL: Let us worship the Lord with gladness. Let us come before Him with joyful songs. AMEN

*Hymn: #610 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Prayer of the Day

Father God, we confess that we struggle to trust You fully. We spend our energy chasing after success in the ways the world defines it—rather than

seeking Your approval above all else. We cling to the security provided by wealth, possessions, religion, family and reputation—instead of resting in Your generous provision. We labor and strive to build our own kingdoms here on earth—forgetting to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. And as we struggle to make sense of the suffering and sin around us (and in our own lives), we too often look to the wisdom of the world for remedies—rather than to the truth of Your Word.

Forgive us, Lord. Direct our hearts back to You. Help us to be so fully assured of Your perfect faithfulness and love that trusting in our own efforts will seem downright foolish in comparison.

Merciful God, use our time of worship this morning to refresh and even challenge our hearts, so that we would not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of our minds. AMEN

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear now these words of assurance spoken by Isaiah the prophet: “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Thanks be to God

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 and Romans 3:19-24

Sermon: “From Wretch to Righteous”

Hymn: #442 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Father, we thank You for Jesus—for His goodness, His tenderness, and even the tough love He displayed when He confronted the religious people of His

day. More than anything, we thank you for the sacrifice He made to pay the penalty for our sins.

Therefore, we offer these gifts in humility, recognizing that we could never repay You and never do anything to earn Your favor. We confess that You own the cattle on a thousand hills, and that everything we have is Yours already. Use these gifts as You see fit. And use us—our time, our talents, and our resources—to fill the earth with the knowledge of Your glory as the waters cover the sea. In the name of the Eternal Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

Announcements

Prayers of the People including The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: "My Savior's Love" (*please see Insert*)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: As you go from this place, be ambassadors of Jesus Christ to a lost and needy world.

People: We go forth in boldness to proclaim the Good News!

Leader: Go also in humility and meekness.

People: We go forth like beggars, rejoicing in the opportunity to share with other beggars that we have found bread!

Leader: Glorify the Lord in word and in deed.

People: For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled. And those who humble themselves will be exalted!

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude:
(Please remain seated)

"Lift High the Cross"

Gordon Young

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
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