

Second Sunday in Lent
Theme — Depths of Love: God Draws Near

Sunday, February 25, 2024



GATHERING

Prelude: “I Am the Bread of Life” setting Ron Schmoltze

Greeting and Welcome to Worship
Call to Worship
Leader: Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?
People: It is said that He is the Messiah.
Leader: But, what kind of Messiah is Jesus?
People: He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life for what he says and what he does.
Leader: He goes further to say that those who follow him will be called to lose their lives as well in order to save them.
People: We ask ourselves—how does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings call for such an uncomfortable, hard thing?
Leader: Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious.
People: Some proclaim they can never follow a Messiah like that and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.
Leader: Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.
People: Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another. Together we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel.
Leader: We do so in order to save the very lives Jesus came to save, even we ourselves.
People: With Jesus as our Messiah, we will worship and serve, sacrifice and live in the confidence of this faith. AMEN

*Hymn: #444 “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

*Prayer of the Day
Dear Lord, though people may turn their backs on us, you do not hide your face from us. Though others may try to take away our hope, you assure us of that future waiting for us.
Speak your name, Unfathomable Creator, and it is enough.
When we dictate our fears to you, calm our spirits. When you invite us to follow the path of self-denial and service, assist us in our reluctance to do so. As we struggle to shape our way of living to yours, carry us with you wherever we go.
Teacher of open hearts, speak to us the truth and that will be enough. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Come, Humble Sinner” arr. Page
Bell Choir and Organ

Scripture: Romans 4:13-22 and Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: “A Reckoning”

*Hymn: #79 “Light Dawns in a Weary World”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God who pours out all, though we have done nothing to earn your favor, yet You are gracious to grant it. You pour out the gifts of grace and mercy upon us every day we live, and yet we too often stumble over our lack of trust. Because You set us back on our feet, therefore we offer our renewed commitment to follow you into the kingdom. With grateful hearts we pray, AMEN.

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #265 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: “Postlude on “Picardy” Douglas Wagner

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Family this week: Michael, Kelly, Owen & Nora Hartmann

**The Sanctuary Flowers
are in Celebration of my parents David & Carol Berkhimer,
on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary
Given by Danielle, Jayde & Kyle**

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