



# Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Roger Bennett

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Liturgist: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

**All: The Lord is our keeper; the Lord is the shade at our right hand.**

Liturgist: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**All: The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**  
*Psalm 121 adapted*

\* **All Singing: 405 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 562 "We Will Extol You, God and King"**

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”*

#### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: Bless the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.  
*Genesis 12:1-4*

**All: Lord, even as you called Abram and made covenant with him, so you have done with us. Forgive us, Lord, have mercy, for when we ignore, forget, or disobey your covenant call.**

*Silent Confession and Lament*

**All Singing: “Trisagion”**

**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Liturgist: What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?

**All: For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.**

Liturgist: For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

**All: For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.**

Liturgist: If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

**All: For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us).**  
*Romans 4:1-5, 13-16 adapted*

\* **All Singing: 770 “In Christ Alone”**

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: God of covenant, God of the Lenten journey, help us to discern your calling voice. Open us to change and growth, that we may walk with Christ. Amen.**

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: In Rhythm

\* **All Singing: 897 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. PADS

OFFERTORY “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. Douglas Smith

\* **All Singing: 953 “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

\* **All Singing: 328 “Lead On, O King Eternal”**

Postlude: “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”  
Tune: *Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz

### Worship Leaders

Organist: Dora Diephouse  
Pianist: Anna Triezenberg-Sims  
Prelude Pianist: Jean Korthals  
Offertory Pianist: Josiah Friesen  
Flutist: Lynn Hollender  
Cellist: Adeline Larsen  
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Levi Bosscher  
Liturgist: Helen Van Wyck  
Prayer: Dorothy Wassenaar

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