

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Glenn Zuber

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Liszt *Angelus!* (Years of Pilgrimage)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please **clearly** sign the friendship/attendance pad. Thank you.

INTROIT: *We will Rise Again*

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**) *(Please stand)*

(L) In days of old God called Abraham and Sarah:

(P) Come – I am with you; step out in faith.

(L) God speaks still, claiming people of every land and race:

(P) Come – I will bless you, that you may bless others.

(L) Heirs of the covenant, let us continue the journey:

(P) Come – let us worship the Lord!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(If children are present)*

HYMN: #87 (P H) *(Please stand)* "The Glory of These Forty Days" *(Please be seated)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Leader/**People**)

(L) Sending God, you speak to souls both calm and chaotic and summon us to follow.

(P) But your call threatens to uproot our lives, so we disregard your voice and cling to the soils of safe, familiar places.

(L) Guiding Spirit, your wind whips through communities both settled and stirring and urges us toward new expressions of faith.

(P) But your call threatens to blow us off course, so we ignore your dynamic Spirit and shelter within protected harbors.

(L) Saving Christ, you enter into hearts both trusting and skeptical and plant within us the seed of faith.

(P) Forgive us when we ignore your summons to grow as disciples. Immerse us in the Spirit's sustaining waters so that we might respond to your call with faith and faithfulness. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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SONG OF PRAISE: HYMN #383 (P H), verse 1, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

CONCERNS and JOYS

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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *(Please stand and greet your neighbors)*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(Please be seated)*

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 121 (Pew Bible page 571)

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

ANTHEM: "Lamb of God" -Paris

Choir

NEW TESTAMENT: John 3:1-17 (Pew Bible page 93)

Those who seek God's kingdom must be born of water and Spirit

SERMON: In Search of God

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HYMN: #85 (P H) *(Please stand)* "What Wondrous Love Is This"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.

(You may be seated)

THE RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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SONG OF DEDICATION: *(Please stand)* "Doxology"

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Amen. (Please remain standing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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THE SENDING

CLOSING HYMN: #488 (P H) "The God of Abraham Praise"

CHARGE and BLESSING

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Brahms *Ballade 2*

