

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2026
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH — Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE — *Be Still My Soul* (Isaac Mingus, cello) — Finlandia/arr. Phillips

From Psalm 121

CALL TO WORSHIP — Charlie Weitekamp

From where does our help come?
Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
How long will God protect us?
God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

***HYMN 509** — *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* — HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
you call us to go the second mile,
yet we resist even the first.
You call us to give freely,
yet we fear there will not be enough.
You call us to pray for those who persecute us,
yet our prayers are often thin and reluctant.
Forgive us.
Teach us the costly grace of enemy-love.
Free us from the bondage of bitterness.
Shape our lives by mercy stronger than vengeance,
by generosity wider than fear,
by love that refuses to end.
We ask all of this in the name of Christ,
who loved us while we were yet sinners.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 582** (v. 1) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Deep River* Spiritual/arr. Mark Hayes
(The Chancel Choir)

Refrain
Deep river – my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord – I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace? (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:38-48

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Price of Perfection* Rev. Boggess
Higher Ground: Sermon on the Mount

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Improvisation on *Wade in the Water* Steven Phillips

***DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 767** *Together We Serve* SAN ANSELMO

Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Jean-Joseph Mouret

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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