SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2023
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Timothy Boggess

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS — Seth and Alison Stottlemyer

PRELUDE — *Creation Will Be At Peace* (The Handbell Choir) — arr. Anna Laura Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN 401** — *Here in This Place* — GATHER US IN

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung through out all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Timothy Boggess

Transforming God,
we confess that we often want you
to change things in our lives
without changing us also.
We want you to make us better,
but not very different.
Forgive us for our lack of trust
and our spiritual shallowness.
Renew our faith and courage
to give our whole selves to you
to do as you will.

For in you, and you alone,
will we become who we are meant to be.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF JOY 647** *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON *Starting Over* Timothy Boggess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas* John Michael Trotta
(The Chancel Choir)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in him and be glad.
Let us revere and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,
you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything
we may yield ourselves,
our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING Timothy Boggess

OFFERTORY HYMN 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* BEACH SPRING

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Refrain:
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured.
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you come as Light from Light (Refrain)

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: I am with you; do not fear!" (Refrain)

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. (Refrain)

***HYMN 538** *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* South African Hymn

Refrain:
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness. (sing twice)

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.
I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger (Refrain)

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

***BENEDICTION** Timothy Boggess

***POSTLUDE** *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* arr. Martha Lynn Thompson