

WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND PRAISE GOD

GATHERING MUSIC *Blessed Assurance* Phoebe Knapp/arr. V. Labenske

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

LENTEN BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION Kathy Sands

The “sacrifice” that God desires is a contrite heart and a humble spirit.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

In silence, let us humble our hearts and acknowledge our need of God’s grace.

SILENT CONFESSION BEFORE GOD

UNISON CONFESSION

We have sinned, O Lord, in thought, word, and deed, in what we have done and failed to do. We have not loved God above all else, and we have not loved all our neighbors as we love ourselves. Forgive us, and set us free, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNG CONFESSION (Hymn 423, v. 1, 3)

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Restore in me the joy of your salvation. Restore in me the joy of your salvation.

Restore in me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your Holy Spirit.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* HYMN 441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation” NETTLETON

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON I Corinthians 10:12--14 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.172)

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Lloyd Larson

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.3)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DEPARTING SONG (Hymn 487, v. 5)

Then, tender God, each child embrace. Lord, give them blessings, grant them grace. Surprise them, Lord, with wonders still. And gently guide them to your will.

SERMON “Idol Eyes” Dr. Butler

“Then, Jesus was taken to a high mountain and shown all the kingdoms of the world.”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 463 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY *O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless* (BWV 1095) Johann Sebastian Bach

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

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.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN** (see insert) “From the River to the Desert” PICARDY

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, the Christ, the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

10 a.m.
