

# The Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020  
10:00 AM Service  
Holy Communion



## SIGNS OF LIFE why church matters

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### WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**If you are new to our congregation:** Please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

**Childcare is available:** During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**If you read music:** if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Getting to know each other:** Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Come to the Waters*

G.F. Handel; Arr. C. Fredrickson

*[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

GATHERING HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

H 522 vs 1, 2

*[Please stand when the chimes sound.]*

***O Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.***

***See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*[Please be seated.]*

ACCLAMATION

*[Please stand.]*

**P** Blessed be the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

**G** God's mercy endures for ever. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

**P** We pray for our life as a church community sharing God's signs of life:

**A** Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THEME HYMN

*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

***Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,  
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed:  
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

***Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,  
Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:  
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

***Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,  
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love, Energies that never tire:  
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.***

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray... Ever-creating Spirit, who brooded over the waters of chaos and brought forth all life from them: We thank you for the wondrous gift of water through which we die with Christ and are raised by you to the new life of grace; and we pray that we may ever be faithful stewards of this gift and make it available, clean and pure, to all living beings, that in so doing the springs of living water promised by Christ Jesus may well up in every human heart; through Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and for ever.

**G** Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Isaiah 55:6-11, Psalm 1:1-3, Acts 8:26-40, Matthew 14:22-33

[Please be seated.]

### The First Reading

**L** The First Reading is taken from *Isaiah chapter 55*...

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

**L** The Word of the Lord

**G** Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm

[Tune: *All Praise to Thee, My God*]

[Please remain seated.]

***How happy those who have not walked With the ungodly of the land,  
Nor lingered in the sinners' way, Nor sat with those who mock God's hand.***

***How happy those who love the law And find in it their chief delight;  
They meditate continually Upon God's law both day and night.***

***Like fruitful trees by flowing streams, With leaves that never fade or fall,  
Are those who serve God day and night; They find prosperity in all.***

## The Second Reading

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Acts chapter 8...*

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: *He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.*

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

H. 513 vs 2-3

[*Please stand.*]

**To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine,  
to the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.**

## The Gospel

▯ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

🔊 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

▯ Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.

“You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

▯ The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

## SERMON HYMN

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

[Please stand.]

***Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.***

***Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.***

## NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

**☞ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you prefer.]

- ☞ Remembering that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us, let us pray for the Church and for the world.**
- ℣ We pray for all who call you Lord. Enliven our common life, that together we may worship you joyfully, give our hearts wholly to you in prayer, and gently commend to others the faith that is in us. We pray for all who are in need and who suffer [especially, *read names from notebook*]. Help us to answer the prayers of those who cry out to you.**
- ☞ Lord Christ, live in us so that we are courageous agents of justice and compassion, and share our resources generously.**
- ℣ We pray for the leaders around the world. Help them to respect all by considering others as equal to themselves, by thinking charitably towards all neighbors near and far, and by seeking to understand and appreciate those who differ from them.**
- ☞ Lord Christ, live in us so that we love and serve others as you love and serve us.**
- ℣ We pray for all who are responsible for the mission and ministry of the church, lay and ordained.**
- ☞ Lord Christ, live in us so that we are humble, patient and act with integrity, using the values and promises of the Reign of God as the foundation of every decision, action or abstention.**

- ℒ We pray for a sense of awe for all you have created and entrusted to us, including our own bodies, your creation, and the lives of others. We give you thanks for the blessings of this life. You open your hand and fill the earth with good things.
- ☩ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we cherish the gifts you have given us, conserving and healing your creation for the sake of those who come after us.**
- ℒ We pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, [especially, *read names from notebook.*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- ☩ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we follow the good examples of your saints, who teach us to enjoy worldly goods and comforts in moderation, and to be honest in our daily life and work.**
- ℒ Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- ☩ **Lord Christ, live in us and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ℒ Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*]  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; . . .
- ☩ **in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- ℒ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- ☩ **Amen.**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.]

[No Children's Message during Lent]

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- ℒ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☩ **And also with you.** [*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*]

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Bring your tithes, gifts and offering with gladness.

### OFFERTORY

*The Music of Earth*

Routley/Lovelace

*[Please be seated. If this is your first time worshiping with us, please let your offering be only the completed blue guest card, and let this service be our gift to you.]*

### PRESENTATION

*[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]*

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

### PRESENTATION HYMN

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

***Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.***

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

- ☐ 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.**
- ☐ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

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*[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]*



- Ⓟ Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
- Ⓟ He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
- Ⓟ On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- Ⓟ After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
- Ⓟ Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- Ⓞ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**
- Ⓟ All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
- Ⓞ **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Ⓟ And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
- Ⓜ **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**P** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C** Therefore let us keep the feast.

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

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***Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.***

**P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

***Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, thanksgiving, for a loved one, or anything else on your heart.***

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*[Please remain seated.]*

## COMMUNION CHANT

*The Lord Is My Song*

*[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]*

***The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

**P** Let us pray...

**C** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

☞ Our Triune God gives us the signs of life, equipping, empowering, and strengthening us to become disciples of Christ Jesus. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless you in your Lenten journey, today and throughout this holy season.

☞ Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

***In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace  
and gather a people from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,  
then rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.***

***In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,  
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.  
Although we are many, we share in one bread.  
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.***

***In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach  
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living give proof to our praise  
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.***

## THE DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

R. Kreutz

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Guest Organist	Dr. Sandra Rogers
Soloist	Dr. Sandra Rogers
Acolyte/Crucifer	Carol Beauchamp
	Emily Mackay
Chalicians	Andrea Zahn
	Dan Depies
Lectors	Mary Ratliff
	Nancy Fisher
Prayers of the People	Ryan Stollenmaier
Prayer Team	Cheryl Sharpe
	Laurel Banta
Greeters	Donna Pylman & Nancy Vallely
Ushers	Terry & Indra Eldridge
Welcome Center	Joe & Betty Lombardo
Coffee Hour Hosts	Frank & Sandy Kneen
Buildings & Grounds	Jerry Ozbun