

Second Sunday in Lent



Pope John Paul II visits his would-be assassin Mehmet Ali Ağca in prison, December 1983

A seamstress named Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to move to the back of a Montgomery, Alabama, bus, December 1955



Opening phrase of the Serenity Prayer used by 12-Step recovery groups

February 25, 2024

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together, arr. Mark Hayes

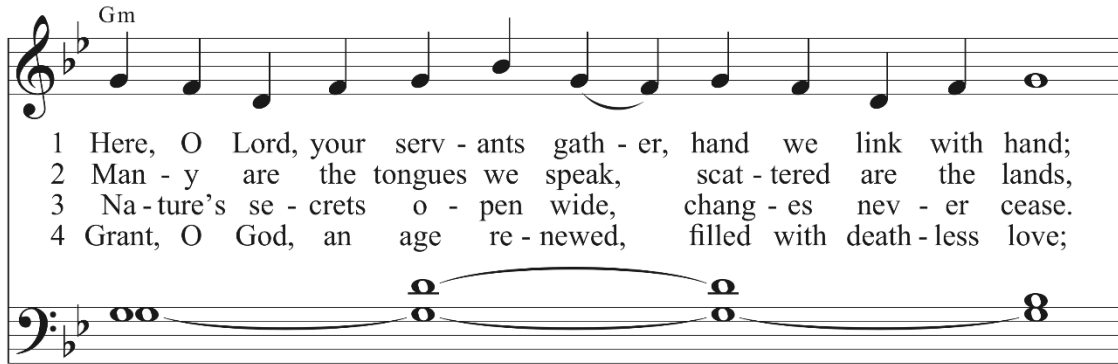
Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

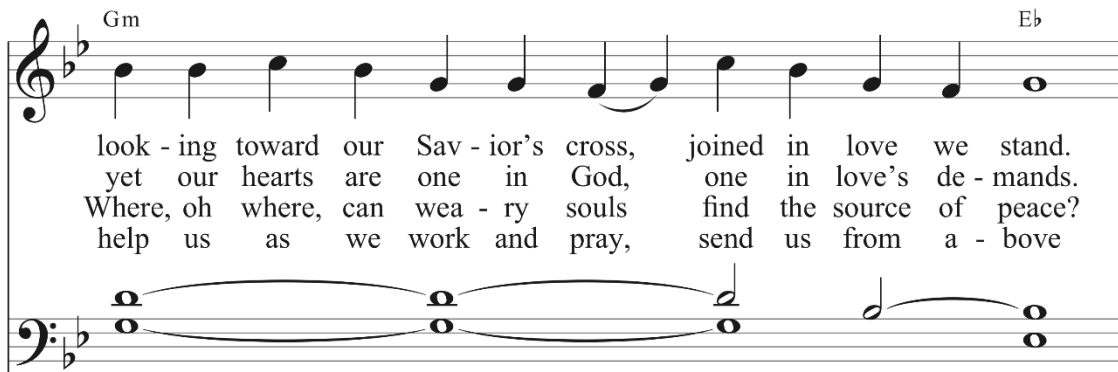
Hymn Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Gm



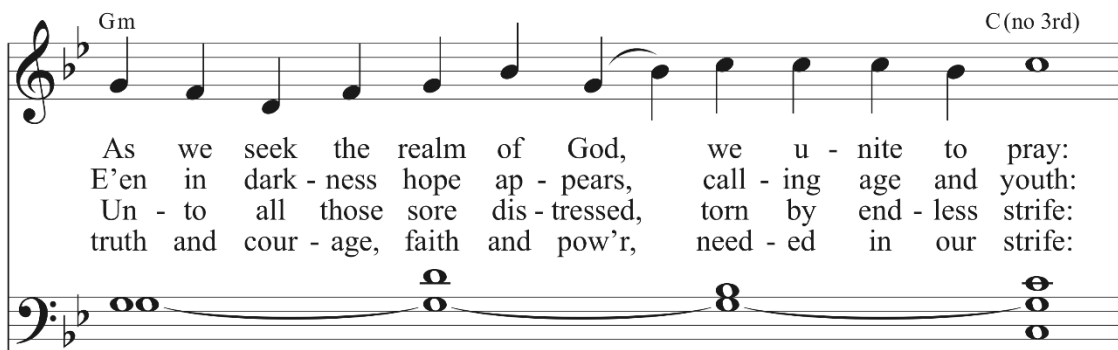
1 Here, O Lord, your serv - ants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands,
3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease.
4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death - less love;

Gm Eb



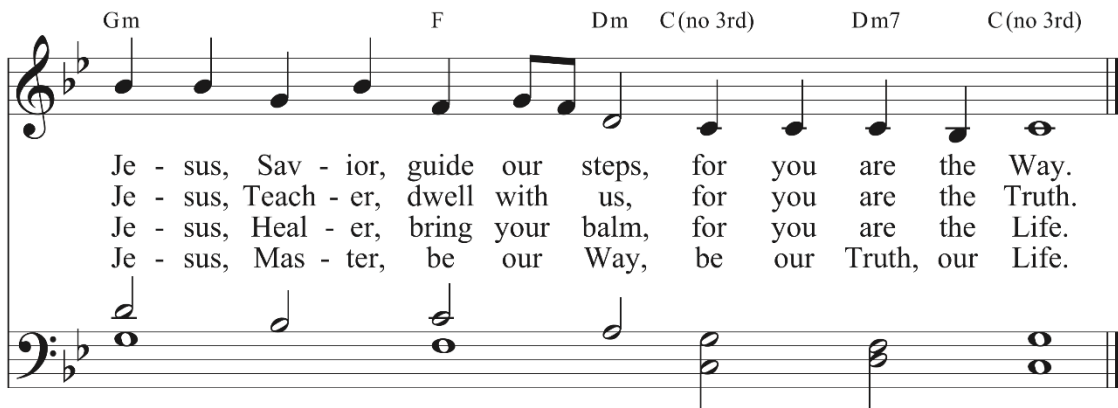
look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
Where, oh where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
help us as we work and pray, send us from a - bove

Gm C (no 3rd)



As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
E'en in dark - ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
truth and cour - age, faith and pow'r, need - ed in our strife:

Gm F Dm C (no 3rd) Dm7 C (no 3rd)



Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
Je - sus, Teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
Je - sus, Heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
Je - sus, Mas - ter, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

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TOKYO

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all ... (Refrain)

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word ... (Refrain)

Assistant: Congregation:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - men.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Romans 4:17-25 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the early church at Rome

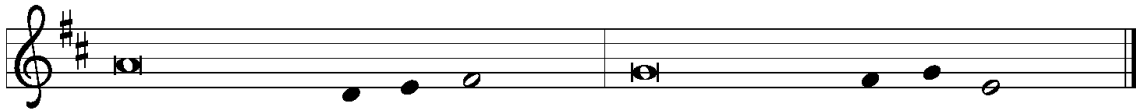
We call Abraham our parent in faith not because he got God's attention by living like a saint, but because God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn't that what we've always read in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, "I set you up as parent of many peoples"? Abraham was first named "parent" and then became a parent because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but on what God said God would do. And so he was made parent of a multitude of peoples. God said to him, "You're going to have a big family, Abraham!"

Abraham didn't focus on his own impotence and say, "It's hopeless. This hundred-year-old body could never father a child." Nor did he survey Sarah's decades of infertility and give up. He didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what God had said. That's why it is said, "Abraham was declared fit before God by trusting God to set him right." But it's not just Abraham; it's also us! The same thing gets said about us when we embrace and believe the One who brought Jesus to life when the conditions were equally hopeless. The sacrificed Jesus made us fit for God, set us right with God.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**



Psalm 22:24-31



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**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live
forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore
the LORD.

**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der
faith - ful - ness of God.

Repeat optional

Gospel

Mark 8:31-38 (Common English Bible, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead.” He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? “What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, will find, in turn, that the Human One and the holy angels will be ashamed of that person, when all stand before Our God in glory.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Spoken Reflection

PICKING UP OUR CROSS

Musical Reflection

Just As I Am

arr. Sandra Eithun
Chime Choir



Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.
Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and
her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece
Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman,
Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's
sister and brother-in-law, Becky & Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren, Terry and
Laura Warren's son-in-law Dan Patterson

For the people of First English Lutheran Church in Columbus

For Redeemer community members Michelle, Rob, Izzy, Sophie, and Andy Skoog

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.

For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshipping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.



WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. He relied on you for everything. He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world. He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble. He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave. You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Bless us also who eat and drink, that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now. Nourish us with your Spirit so that by these gifts we will be bold followers of Jesus' way and life.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.



Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Hymn

Around You, O Lord Jesus

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, “Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!”
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, honesty about the harm we have caused and the harm done to us, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**



WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Community of Christ

Em B Em Am B G Am E Am D G B

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own, live
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door and
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound— cry
 4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done, the

Em D G C G D Em C G D G

out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone: the
 see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor. Take
 out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round: dis -
 cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun; our

G B7 Em G D B Em C Em Am Em B

God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long, whose
 hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street, take
 arm the pow'rs that war and all that can de - stroy, turn
 cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law, our

Em B Em D G Am F#dim Em B Em

chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

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 Music: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797
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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Leoni, arr. John Carter

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Adult Ed - February 25, 11:15 am

Emily Kent

Sharing Death Doula information

"I have completed my Death Doula training and am eager to share what I've learned. I'm on a mission to increase conversation and decrease anxiety about the dying process."

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Lenten Soup and Conversation
Wednesdays Noon - 1:00
February 21 - March 21
Narthex



Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer

Wednesdays Feb 21 - March 21
7:00 pm

In-Person and Livestream



*Journaling
Workshop
7:00 pm
February 27
In-Person - Narthex*



Sister Act

WALKING HUMBLY WITH GOD



*"I Beg You...
Bear With One
Another in Love"
—Ephesians 4:1-3*



World Day of Prayer 2024

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 1 – noon

Sister Act is inviting the congregation and your friends to join us at a luncheon to participate in the World Day of Prayer. Sharing a meal and conversation about prayer is our way to contribute positively to the profoundly important task of asking God to guide us in our search for peace in the world. We hope to have guests who will share their prayer lives with us.

Please join us for fellowship and service



Birthdays this week:
26 – Diane Brobeck
28 – Colton Day
1 – Todd Darst
1 – Kathy Denhard

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Karen Rider
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ruth Murray
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith
Communion Prep	Lynn Belhorn, Karen Rider
Hospitality	Kathy Mimplitch

Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 3

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	12:30 pm	Youth Gathering
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	noon	Lenten Soup and Discussion
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
Friday	noon	Sister Act – World Day of Prayer and soup luncheon
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class

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