



LENTEN SERIES

*Lessons from the
ordinary things in life*

**TODAY'S
FOCUS:**
bread



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
COMMUNION

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Father, during this season of Lent, help us reproduce in our lives the self-sacrificing love of Christ. Help us to understand the true meaning of your Son's death and resurrection, and teach us, Lord, to reflect it in our lives. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* Krug
FPC Handbells

INTROIT *Behold the Lamb of God* Hopson
Chancel Choir

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 27)* Patrick Dollar

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

ALL: *The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?*

One: When my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

ALL: *Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; even then will I be confident.*

One: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

ALL: *Teach us your ways, O Lord; lead us in straight paths, that our eyes might behold the beauty and wonder of your face.*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#*HYMN OF PRAISE: 509 *(Please stand at the introduction to the hymns)*

All Who Hunger

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious and Eternal God, even as we acknowledge the fact that your holy presence surrounds us, we admit that in many ways we are very far from you.

ALL: *In your mercy draw us closer, O God, and open us to your will and your way.*

One: Even as we reach out to you in this time of prayer, we are reminded of the many times we have drawn back, and turned away from you.

ALL: *Forgive our hesitation, and deliver us from the fear which keeps us from commitment.*

One: Though it is in you that we live and move and have our being, we tend to focus on ourselves, and our own needs and desires.

ALL: *Direct our minds and our hearts we pray, that we might live in the light of your abundant mercy and love. Grant that we might respond to the love you give us by*

loving one another and our neighbors. Transform our sinfulness into faithfulness, and make us your new creations as we seek to do your will. Through Christ our Savior we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: “God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.” *(1 John 4:9-11)*

ALL: *The transforming power of God is at work in us! As we have confessed our sins, God has forgiven us, for God loves us more than we can imagine. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!*

#* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *(Jesus Remember Me, Hymn: 166)* ST. FLAVIAN
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom
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PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. John White

ANTHEM *Deep River* arr. Linker/McFadden
FPC Handbells, Dr. Terry McRoberts, piano

SERVICE OF PROCLAMATION AND AFFIRMATION

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Libby Smith
(After the Time with Children, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to the Children’s Church in the Education Building. An adult will escort the children. After church the children will be escorted to their appropriate Sunday School rooms. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)

ANTHEM *The Thorn Tree* Crandal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (pg. 35) Rev. John White

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Patrick Dollar

NEW TESTAMENT READING *1 Corinthians 10:15-17* (pg. 172) Patrick Dollar

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

#Latecomers may be seated

**Congregation standing, if able*

COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Bread”

Rev. John H. White

- * **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) p. 35 (in unison)* Patrick Dollar
*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.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew,
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

OFFERING

- ORGAN** *A Meditation on “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”* Hancock
OFFERTORY Dr. Terry McRoberts

- *Doxology (Tune: 607) OLD HUNDREDTH
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*
*Dedicatory Prayer Patrick Dollar

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

- * **COMMUNION HYMN: 498** *(stanzas 1 and 2 before Communion)*
Loaves Were Broken BEACH SPRING

INVITATION AND COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- * **COMMUNION HYMN: 498** *(stanzas 3 and 4 after Communion)*
Loaves Were Broken BEACH SPRING

* BENEDICTION

- * **SENDING FORTH:** *May the Peace of God Go with You* Hopson
Chancel Choir
* **ORGAN POSTLUDE** *Postlude in the 18th Century Style* Thiman