

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 5, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

*Opening (Stand) #16 "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

*Call to Worship (Stand)

The Lord has promised to make a great nation.
Of those who believe his promises.

Come, O Lord! For you give life to the dead.

You bring into being those things that were not!

The Lord reckons faith as righteousness.

To those who, like Abraham, Trust in him.

Come O Lord! You are worthy to be praised.

For your promises rest on your grace alone.

The children of faith shall inherit the earth.

Such is the trustworthy promise of God.

Come, O Lord! You are worthy of trust.

May our worship declare your glory!

*Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightening from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A." ©2014. Cascade Books, Eugene, OR. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Song of Faith # "Holy Spirit" / "New Every Morning" *Worship Team*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Don Johnson

The First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a

The Second Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ John 3:1-17

*Responsorial (Stand) #66 "To God be the Glory"

*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication – Eternal God, the gift of your Son for our salvation far exceeds the riches of the wealthy or what the most diligent laborer could earn. Yet, you willingly receive such humble gifts as we can give. Use these offerings, we pray, for the ongoing mission of your church, and for the reconciling ministry of your Son, that in their use your gospel might reach those who have not yet received the gift of faith, for your joy and for their salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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A Prayer of Illumination & The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Communion Song # 261 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

Invitation & Words of Institution

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters

of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Closing Hymn (Stand) #287 “Lift High the Cross” *CRUCIFER*

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist**



HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer’s Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

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