

**Order of Worship for**  
**A Service for the Lord's Day**  
**The Second Sunday of Lent**  
**February 25, 2024**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**\*GATHERING SONG #399 God Welcomes All**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE**

Majesty Jack Hartford, Arr. Rouse

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Grant, O God, that the prayers and songs and words we offer today be your channel,  
**Your channel through us for new and abundant life.**

A life not only hoped for, but worked for in our daily lives  
**through faithful words and deeds, in all the ways we live this life. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*Hymn #829 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Creator God, you are beyond our understanding, and yet as close to us as our breath. You surround us by countless acts of your majesty and creation, above and beyond our greatest imaginings. Still, we fret and complain. We ignore the chance to choose love and peace, to follow you, to be your hands and feet. Speak to us from beyond the clouds of our fear and forgetfulness. Dazzle us in the light of Christ's love. Restore and forgive us.**

**Amen.**

*Moment of silence*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE # 595 Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord.**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

**PSALM** Psalm 22:23-31

**SECOND READING** Mark 8:31-38

**SERMON** "I Am Not Ashamed" Rev. Jane Herring

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under**

**Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY** Great is Thy Faithfulness William Runyan, Arr. Keveren

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below**

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN #722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise Welsh Melody, Arr. Berry