

**Second Sunday of Lent  
March 5, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

Prelude

\*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Song of Praise  
"Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Chorus:  
Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

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Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

**Preparing for God's Word**

A Minute with Psalm 78

\*Call to Worship  
[based on Psalm 78:1-4, 22-25]

Leader: The Psalmist declares, "O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old —

**People: What we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.**

Leader: Even as the Lord led them in the desert, they did not believe in God or trust in his deliverance.

**People: Yet even then the Lord still gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven. Men ate the bread of angels; he sent them all the food they could eat."**

Leader: Let us worship our great God.

**People: For his grace is truly abundant.**

### \*Hymn of Adoration

#649, "Amazing Grace," vs. 1-4

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead us home

The Lord has promised good to me  
His Word my hope secures  
He will my Shield and Portion be  
As long as life endures

Text: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772

Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829, arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1920, alt.

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### Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of exodus and wilderness, God of refuge and help, hear us now as we make our confession to you.

**People: In times of difficulties we too often forget what you have done for us. You give us everything we need, yet we often remain unsatisfied; you trust us to be your hands and feet, yet we often abuse that trust and spoil what we have been given by you. You show us the way we are to follow, yet we often continue on the path of self-indulgence and self-centeredness. Forgive us, we pray.**

*[Silence]*

Leader: Lord, we ask for your direction, your patience, and your love,

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, who, in spite of his temptations, was faithful to your saving Word. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

[based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20]

Leader: Our Lord God said: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

**People: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the Good News: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!**

## Hearing God's Word

### Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."  
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

### Prayer of Illumination

### New Testament Reading: Exodus 16: 1-11

16:1 The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. 2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" 8 Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want

in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

9 Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

11 The LORD said to Moses, 12 “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

## Sermon

“Be-Wildered... Grumbling leads to Stumbling which Leads to Grace?”

## **Responding to God’s Word**

### \*Special Hymn of Preparation

“Behold the Lamb,” [see program insert]

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us, and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you. Eat and remember;  
The wounds that heal,  
The death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin  
Shed for you, drink and remember,  
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise

To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of Heav'n  
Around the table of the King.

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## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and, though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.**

Word's of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Praise

## Offering

Offertory

Hymn of Joy

#610, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," vs. 1-4

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears,  
And bids our sorrows cease;  
Sings music in the sinner's ears,

Brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful waken to rejoice,  
The poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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\*Response

#606, The Doxology, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

#2279, "The Trees of the Field," Sing the Faith Hymnal

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you  
there'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
the trees of the field, will clap their hands, while you go out with joy

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\*Postlude

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