



## Prelude / Chimes

Vivian Whipple, pianist

## Call to Worship

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17)

O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy on us.**

O God the Son, redeemer of the world  
**Have mercy on us.**

O God the Holy Spirit, advocate, and guide,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

## Prayer for a Faithful Lent

Loving Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten season, we are met with the challenge of handing over every bit of our lives that do not come from You. To rid ourselves of what clutters our lives, and all that distracts us from the simple truth of Your love for us. Your prophets have called us to change the way we worship — to make internal sacrifices instead of external ones. To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with You every one of our days. If we don't give anything up for Lent, then let us at least give up this: that we might live cease living in ways that disconnect us from You, for every one of our steps is like a circle around Your temple. Perhaps this Lent, we can give up our way and give ourselves to Your way for us. So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way. May we walk with Jesus toward the hill just outside of Jerusalem. May we like Him take up our cross and follow, spending each moment of our lives living responsively to You, just as Christ Himself did. For that is the faithful way. **Amen.**

## Hymn #166

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Congregation

## The Imposition of Ashes / Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you created us out of the dust of the earth and breathed into us the breath of life. By your hand we live and to your hands we return when all our days are done. Grant that the awareness of our mortality may lead us not to fear, but to faith. In our weakness teach us to look to you for strength, in our failures to turn to you and find forgiveness, and in our dying to await the gift of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You are compassionate beyond comparison, loving beyond imagination, and faithful beyond our betrayal. Just as the psalmist declares, "our sin is ever before us." We, too, admit our transgressions: We are stained with wrongdoing, sacrificing the goodness of your love for the demise of this world. We abandon your law, caring less for your creation and more for our own ambition. Wash us clean, God of mercies, and deliver us from bloodshed. Help us to hear your voice calling us back, remind us of your love bringing us home, and renew our spirits that we might believe the covenant again. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray in our hearts, Amen.**

## Hymn #433

*Sign Us with Ashes*

Congregation

## Scripture

Psalm 51:1-17

Pastor Doug Dent

## Sermon

"The Confession Gadget"

Pastor Doug Dent

## Hymn #465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Congregation

## The Prayers of God's People and 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Hymn

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

Congregation

Benediction

Go as those marked as God’s beloved.  
Look at those you meet and remember each one is also God’s beloved.  
Go knowing your days on earth are numbered.  
Make the most of each day you are given by showing kindness and fighting for justice.  
Go to embark on this Lenten journey. Go where God sends you to do God’s work.  
Amen.

Postlude

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Church Announcements

Looking Ahead...

- February 26 – Birthday Cake Sunday
- March 1 – Lenten Service & Supper  
*Jona Brown will share her faith story*
- March 8 – Lenten Service & Supper  
*Sondra Lee will share her faith story*
- March 15 – Lenten Service & Supper  
*Doug Becker will share his faith story*
- March 22 – Lenten Service & Supper  
*Don Davenport will share his faith story*
- March 29 – Lenten Service & Supper  
*Saxon Enders will share his faith story*
- April 6 – Maundy Thursday (worship @7pm)
- April 7 – Good Friday (worship @7pm)

Psalm 51:1

“Have mercy upon me, O God,  
according to thy  
lovingkindness: according unto  
the multitude of thy tender  
mercies blot out my  
transgressions.”

Pre-K Sunday School

Students & parents are invited  
to meet next Sunday, February  
5, 2023, (10:30 AM) in the Youth  
Room with Cindy Spidahl.



February 22, 2023