

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Second Sunday in Lent

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Faith is not the clinging to a shrine, but an endless pilgrimage of the heart.*

~Abraham Joshua Heschel

PRELUDE            *How Firm A Foundation*    transcribed by George Pullen Jackson

### WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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INTROIT                    *Come, Worship God*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather on the road, travelers from all different places.

**All: We are pilgrims with a common destination in mind.**

One: We are all followers of Jesus and the road is one of joy and one of sorrow, one of difficult climbs and breathtaking views.

**All: We journey with Jesus: through the Lenten wilderness and on the Jerusalem Road.**

One: We wrestle with the questions, we reflect on our lives, we wait for what Jesus has to show us.

**All: Come let us worship God together.**

### OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN                    *Morning Has Broken*                    GG: 664

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:21-24

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**We find ourselves in Lent once again. A season of wilderness and wandering. A time of walking along dusty road in hope of finding renewal at the end. God of the journey, we recognize that we often stray from the path. We lose our direction, we'd rather be settled and comfortable than on the road. We'd rather be distracted by what the world tells us will make us happy than follow the path you**

**have told us *really* will bring fulfillment. We confess that we are often selfish, self focused and unwilling to sacrifice anything of our easy lives. And yet you continue to call us onward on the journey. You press us to look around us, to engage in the challenges of justice and love in the world all around. Forgive us our stubborn hearts. Keep asking us the crucial questions, and pulling us forward on this pilgrimage.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

*Amen.*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Holy God, we wander sometimes.

**All: We let our ideas of self get in the way, but your love never waivers.**

**Your forgiveness abounds and we are set free.**

One: Put down your burdens. You are a new creation today.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you!**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

## HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM                    *His Eye is On the Sparrow*                    soloist – Julie Schmidt

### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN                    *Be Still, My Soul*                    GG: 819

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:26-32

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      “You of Little Faith, Why Did You Doubt?”      Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *Parting Friends*      trad./Sacred Harp

\*DOXOLOGY      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      tune GG: 606

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN      *Shall We Gather at the River*      GG: 375

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION      *Go With Us, Lord*

POSTLUDE      *Deep River*      arr. Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

\*All who are able please stand.      \*\*\*Latecomers seated