

## Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025

### “Bloom Where You Are Planted”

#### Introit    **Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary** (More Voices 18)

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving.  
I'll be living sanctuary for you.    *Repeat*

#### Welcome and Announcements

Centring Music    O Love that Will Not Let Me Go  
*by Albert L. Peace; arranged by Richard Huggins*

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn    **God Is Here** (Voices United 389)  
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1    God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

2    Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

3    Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

4    God of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

#### Prayer of Confession

#### Words of Assurance

#### A Time to Wonder

The Garden Song

*by David Mallet*

Anthem More Like You, Lord

by Jay Althouse

Scripture Readings Luke 13: 31-35

Reflection "The Imperfections of Life and Faith"  
(Bloom Where You Are Planted)

Hymn of the Day **Take My Life and Let It Be**  
(Voices United 506, vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

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Music: Unknown; desc. John T. Wilkinson 1980  
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- 1 Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use every power  
as thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response **Here I Am, Lord** (Voices United 509)

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Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Like a River of Tears** (More Voices 98)

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- 1 Like a river of tears your love pours upon us;  
like sunshine of blessing your grace will sustain us;  
like a star-studded sky your spirit shines over us,  
Renewing our spirits with courage and faith.
- 2 Like a bird in free flight by windows around us;  
like a wind in the forest that breathes life among us;  
like a phoenix that's rising from ashes around us,  
renewing our spirits with vision and grace.
- 3 Like a pillar of cloud you promise to guide us;  
like a bright fiery bush you come to speak to us;  
like a calm cooling breeze your spirit breathes in us,  
renewing our spirits with loving embrace.

- 4 Like a lover's caress your spirit revives us;  
like a song of the soul you come to be with us;  
like a prayer of the heart you heal and restore us,  
renewing our spirits, the future to face.

### Sending Forth

### Choral Response **Wherever You May Go** (More Voices 216)

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Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
and your people shall be my people too.  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

### Postlude Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*David Hegarty, base on hymn tune "Cwm Rhondda" by John Hughes*

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids

Prayer of Confession – Atholl Malcolm

Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis

Scripture Reader – Mark Collins

Offering Invitation and Prayer – Peggy Dayton

Technical Support – Karen Clark and Louise Johnston

Fellowship Time – Ethel Wilson Women's Group

Flowers are offered by Sharon Prindle-Collins, in celebration of the life  
of her mother, Clara Prindle.

Flowers are also offered by Bob Silver, in celebration of the life of his  
sister, Corinne Allyn Silver Ragheb.