more than what we bring this day to the altar; it calls us to a place where a cross that is ours alone must be picked up and carried. Strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help sisters and brothers carry their crosses as well. In the name of the one who bore his cross for us. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN Lord, Speak to Me UMH 463

CALL TO PRAYER / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH Where He Leads Me UMH 338

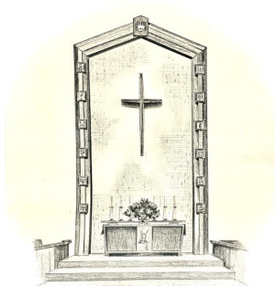
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hymn to Joy," Albert L. Travis
Organist: Joanne Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Leadership Meeting 7:30PM, 2/27 via ZOOM
- Spring Bible Study: Friday 7 PM, March 8 (Hybrid Gathering)
- "**FaithWorks Diner**", Lunch on Saturday: 11 AM, March 2 and March 16
- FAITHWORKS SHOP: MON. 6: 30 PM to 8:30 PM and 1st and 3rd SATs 9AM to 1 PM
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION: MON. 6:30 to 8:30 PM and 1st and 3rd SATs 9AM to 1 PM
- LARGE FOOD DISTRIBUTION: the 2nd Tuesday from 6 PM to 7:00 PM.

PRAYER LIST



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

(Second Sunday in Lent)

PRELUDE "Adagio," Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome this day to the second step on our Lenten Journey.
We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.
Today's journey will demand much of us.
Lord, make us ready to offer ourselves to you.
Come, let us begin again the wondrous excursion.
Let us place our lives in God's abiding love. AMEN.

HYMN And Are We Yet Alive UMH 553

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of presence and power, be with us on this second step of our Lenten journey to the Cross. Help us to make a commitment of our lives, our spirits, our hearts to minis-

try in your name. AMEN.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pass the peace to one another by waving.

INVITATION HYMN — **This Is the Day** — UMH 657

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BLESSING HYMN — **Jesus Loves Me** (v.1) — UMH 191

SCRIPTURE READING — Michael Lincoln

Psalm 22:23-31 (NRSV)

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand
in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
24 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his
face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay be-
fore those who fear him.
26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the fami-
lies of the nations shall worship before him.
28 For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.
29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall
bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering,
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed,
and after three days rise again.
32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke
him.
33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind
me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human
things."
34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to be-
come my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and fol-
low me.
35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.
36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?
38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful
generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the
glory of his Father with the holy angels."

RESPONSE

This is the word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM — "Andante," Felix Mendelssohn

SERMON — **Follow Me** — Heeyoung Lim

OFFERING SONG — I Surrender all (v.1) — UMH 354

GIVING OUR GIFTS — Doxology — UMH 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of Boundless Goodness: We are reminded that our discipleship decision involves