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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

### Prelude

#### **Prayer of Preparation** (for your personal use, during Prelude)

*God, teach us to be your sanctuary in the world. Give us the courage to make peace, extend care, and provide for the thriving of all who wonder how they will even survive. Help us be their shelter in the time of storm. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### \*Call to Worship – From Psalm 27

- L: The Lord is my light and my salvation, so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?
- P: When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.**
- L: Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.
- P: The one thing I ask of the Lord - the thing I seek most - is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple.**
- L: For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.
- P: Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music.**
- L: Hear me as I pray, O Lord. Be merciful and answer me!
- P: My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."**

\*Hymn     *"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"*   RED #240

### Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord God, we marvel in the presence of your Holiness and are humbled by the plans you have for us in your Loving Sovereignty. You have told us that we are your treasured possession. We have not always heard. You have told us that the inheritance you provide will meet our every need. We look for other lesser inheritances. You have told us that our community of faith will be greater than the stars in the sky. We focus on the decline that we see or experience. Your grace and mercy is there for us, so that we, like Abraham, shall believe you and receive your righteousness. Amen.**

*(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **The Peace**

**L:** Peace be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**\*Gloria Patri**      *“Glory Be to the Father”*      **PH #579**

## **Chancel Choir**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Time with Young Disciples**

**New Testament Reading**      **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

**Sermon Text/Gospel Reading**      **Luke 13:31-35**

**Sermon**      *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!”*      **Pastor Ryan**

**\*Hymn**      *“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”*      **RED#245**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## **\*Affirmation of Faith – Adapted From Romans 8**

**"We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to**

**come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.**

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer**

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

Offertory

Music Video: *"Heaven in His Eyes"*

**\*Doxology**

**PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn**            *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*        **RED #522**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Worship Leader:            Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher:             Linda Williams

Liturgist:                    Pat Claussen

Pianist/Organist:           Rich Ford  
                                      Julia Territo

***\*Please stand, if able***                    CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

\*Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer of Illumination written by Pastor Ryan. Silent Prayer by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries.