

WE SEEK GOD'S MERCY AND GIVE THANKS

GATHERING MUSIC *Suite du Deuxieme Ton* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
Plein Jeu, Duo, Basse de Cromorne, Flûtes

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

The tolling bell calls us to confess our sins and continue our Lenten journey.

RESPONSIVE LITANY OF CONFESSION Joel Egertson

The Lenten sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit and a contrite heart.

Search us, O Lord, and know our hearts.

Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us.

Have mercy on us, according to your loving kindness, and blot out our offenses.

Trusting in the limitless mercy of God, let us confess our sins together.

Beloved God, we have not loved you with all our heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We have not forgiven as we have been forgiven. We are not always faithful to the mind of Christ at work in us. In your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and help us to live in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNG CONFESSION (Hymn 471) *The choir will sing first, then the congregation will join in.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come, and listen to me.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* **HYMN 31** "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" MONKLAND

* **ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

FIRST LESSON I Corinthians 10:1-13 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.172)

ANTHEM *O for a closer walk with God* Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame. A light to shine upon the road, that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest. I hate the sins that made thee mourn. And drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God. Calm and serene my frame. So purer light shall mark the road. That leads me to the Lamb.

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 4:1-14 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.61)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 487, v. 5)

Then, tender God, each child embrace; God give them courage, grant them grace.

Surprise them, Lord, with wonders still, and gently guide them to your will.

SERMON "What the Devil Does *Not* Make Us Do" Dr. Butler

"God is faithful and will not allow you to be tested beyond your strength."

WE PRAY AND OFFER OUR GIFTS

* **HYMN 783** "When We Are Tested" ANGELS OF HEALING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY *Draw Me Near, Blessed Lord* Susan Naylor Callaway
Jason Fuh, baritone

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord. By the power of thy grace divine. Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope. And my will be lost in thine. Draw me nearer blessed Lord to the cross where thou hast died. To thy precious bleeding side. There are depths of love that I cannot know. Till I cross the narrow sea. There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

* **HYMN 694** “Great God of Every Blessing” AURELIA

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Suite du Deuxieme Ton* L-N. Clérambault
 Caprice

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10 a.m.
