



**7:00 p.m. ~ Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

## OPENING HYMN “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

## OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: “Yet, even now,” declares the Lord, “return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;”

C: **“Rend your hearts and not your garments.”**

P: Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

C: **By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?**

P: Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus – were baptized into His death?

C: **We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death –In order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

P: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,

C: **But Christ lives in me.**

P: The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,

C: **who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

P: In your baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

C: **The sign of the cross always reminds us who we are and to Whom we belong.**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: We are marked with God's name, and we now live under the sign of the cross!**

P: As we begin this Lenten season, we may not be wearing sackcloth and ashes, but we are heeding our Lord's call to "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." We join in King David's prayer of confession in Psalm 51.

**C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**

P: Who forgives all your iniquity,

**C: Who heals all your diseases,**

P: Who redeems your life from the pit,

**C: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

P: Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**C: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

P: He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.

**C: The LORD is merciful and gracious,**

P: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.**

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**C: Nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**C: So great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

P: As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

**C: As a father shows compassion to His children,**

P: So the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

C: **For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.**

P: Even though we are dust and ashes, God removes our sin and makes us whiter than snow through the blood of Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## RESPONSE “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 51 [ESV]

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.  
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;  
then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**STATEMENT of FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

**RESPONSE** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

**SERMON** “GOD IS MERCIFUL AND RESTORATIVE”

**OFFERING**

**RESPONSE** “His Mercy Is More”

**PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

### DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

**“O The Blood”**

**“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”**

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING RESPONSE “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

### POSTLUDE

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Organ*



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