

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“A Lenten Psalm”

Wihla Hutson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

C. Wesley/J. Perry

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Click Peters, Liturgist

Leader: Come, all who need help!

People: Our help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Come, all who desire blessing!

**People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham,
the God of the ages.**

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation!

**People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God into the world to save the world!**

*OPENING HYMN #8

“To God Be the Glory”

F.J. Crosby/W.H. Doane

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of salvation, you shower the world and our lives with love. Yet, we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! Little daily annoyances pile up into mountainous burdens that become stumbling blocks in our lives. O God, set us free from the poor choices we make. When we become distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the blessings you have poured out upon us. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on Jesus, that we might choose the blessing of salvation offered each day through him. We ask these things in Jesus' name, amen. (We continue in silence...)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*JOYFUL RESPONSE #55

“Immortal, Invisible”

W.C. Smith/Welsh Melody

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Addante”

C. Sainte-Saëns

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Time for Young Disciples

Children 2nd grade or younger may be dismissed to Children's Church.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 12:1-4a

ANTHEM

“God So Loved the World”

B. Harlan

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

John 3:1-17

SERMON

“Born of the Spirit”

Dr. Richard T. Gillespie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle's Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #32

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

I. Watts/arr. W. Croft

*BENEDICTION

“A Clean Heart”

arr. B. Harlan

*POSTLUDE

“St. Anthony Chorale”

Johannes Brahms

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Betty Dean Persons who recently passed away
by Ronnie and Susan Reagin*