



2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

Prelude | I Want Jesus to Walk with Me *setting by* Mark Hayes

Welcome + Announcements

(8:30) **Introit** | Morning Bells *by* Venita MacGorman

Call to Worship | based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia!

***Gathering Hymn** | I Want Jesus to Walk with Me *red hymnal, #140*

We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

***Call to Confession** | adapted from Isaiah 55:6-7, NRSV

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let all return to the Lord, that God may have mercy. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins, first silently and then together.

Silence for personal confession

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
In Christ, we are forgiven!

***The Peace | time of greeting**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Old Testament Lesson | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 *Bible*, pg. 11

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm | Psalm 22:23-31 *Bible*, pg. 435

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministry

Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old-Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the congregational hymn. Children will be brought back to the sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.

Congregational Hymn | Beneath the Cross *red hymnal, #825*

Epistle Lesson | Romans 4:13-25 *Bible*, pg. 916

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson | Mark 8:31-38 *Bible*, pg. 820

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message | Faith Growth Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory

(8:30) My Song Is Love Unknown *by Carolyn Jennings*

(11:00) Done Made My Vow *setting by Frederick B. Young*

***Offertory Response | Doxology** *red hymnal, #965*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

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.

Sending

***Sending Hymn | O God, You Are My God** *red hymnal, #743* sing twice

***Charge + Blessing**

***Postlude | O God, You Are My God** *setting by Teresa Wilhelmi*

You are invited to remain for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor*

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

Logos Choir, Tamera Penning (piano)

Kristen DeGrazia, *assistant director of music*

Cantate Choristers, Christian Drollinger (piano)

Alpha Ringers

(8:30) Jan Taylor; (11:00) Nancy Barth, *worship leaders*

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

All ages are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children and adults, including large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available on the shelves outside the north sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

If needed, **infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, is also downstairs.

Connection Cards are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Share with my household/friends what it means to me to call Jesus the Christ or Messiah.
- ◇ Memorize Romans 4:22-25.
- ◇ Pray this week for the Men's Retreat leader, Kip Murphy, and for the men participating in Saturday's retreat.
- ◇ Pray for young people who are seeking justice and righteousness.

Prayer Requests may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate.

The **flowers** this morning are given by Twila, Rachel, and Kylie Finkelstein to express gratitude for the lives of women who came before us in service to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Sunday School Line-Up: Christian education for **children and youth** will meet in the lower level. **One of our adult education classes**, led by Elder Bethany Lagani entitled "What Would Jesus Say? Being a Christian in an Age of Political, Cultural, and Social Division," will meet downstairs in the youth room. **Our other adult education class**, led by our Stephen Ministers on Christian caregiving, will meet in Room 103.

Lenten Suppers: We will hold our annual Lenten Suppers on Thursdays through Lent, sharing a potluck meal at 5:30 pm and then moving to a time of devotions and prayer from 6:15 to 6:45 pm. The famous *spark* mac and cheese will be served, but please bring a generous dish to share as well. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

Kevin Cullum, Director of Camp Wyoming, will be here this Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Come learn more about summer camp opportunities at Camp Wyoming!

Last Sunday Netflix Documentary Screening continues this evening at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. The documentary is entitled, "**Detropia**". For more information, go to our website and click on the scrolling image on the Welcome page. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Pie for a Pint: Led by our Deacons, we are resuming our annual blood drive for the DeGowin Blood Center on Sunday, March 4. Please sign up in the Atrium to give blood and/or donate a pie.

Men's Retreat: There's still time to sign up for our Men's Retreat which will be held Saturday, March 3. **The last day to register is Tuesday, February 27.** For more information, Contact Graham Dameron at graham3076@gmail.com or go to our website and click on the scrolling image on the Welcome page.

