

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1st, 2026

"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (790)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN HYMN: "O Christ, You Walked the Road" (424)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We pause to remember our sin, but more importantly to remember God's great love and forgiveness)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

SONG OF PRAISE: "There is a Redeemer" (Screens)

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the

body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading is **Genesis 12.1-9**. In this reading, we hear of the Lord's call to Abram and how he responded in faith.

Our Psalm is **Psalms 121**. In this Psalm, we confess faith in God as we continue our faith journey. **We will speak this Psalm together.**

Today's Gospel is **John 3.1-17**. The Pharisee, Nicodemus, comes to Jesus at night and engages in a famous conversation with the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel reading out of respect for the Lord Jesus

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" (722)

THE SERMON: Genesis 12.1-9

OFFERTORY and OFFERING

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL COME AGAIN!

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (918)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed and strengthened in God's love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let us remember who we are and what we do:

C: "We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to

Jesus.”

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing in God's love. As God's beloved children, go in peace! Love one another! Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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