

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The psalmist sings,
One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:
**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.**
Sisters and brothers, God is good,
and in love and mercy greets us here.

✦ **HYMN #14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?
With humble hearts,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you have made us citizens of heaven,
but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.
We have let our desire for security
restrain our commitment to serve the poor.
We have let our fear of danger curb
our obligation to love our enemies.
We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy.

We have let our craving for public status
prevent our honesty about hidden sins.
Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ,
that we may be the body of Christ for the world.
[continue in silence, personal confession...]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, our light and our salvation,
does not forsake us or leave us with our sin.
In Christ we are forgiven
and offered the gift of healing repentance.
Thanks be to God!

✦ **RESPONSE** Verse 2 of Hymn #169 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”
+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

✦ **HYMN #440**

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” (Tune: “Rock of Ages”)

✦ **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 13:31-35

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed [page35]
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ DOXOLOGY #606

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ HYMN #343

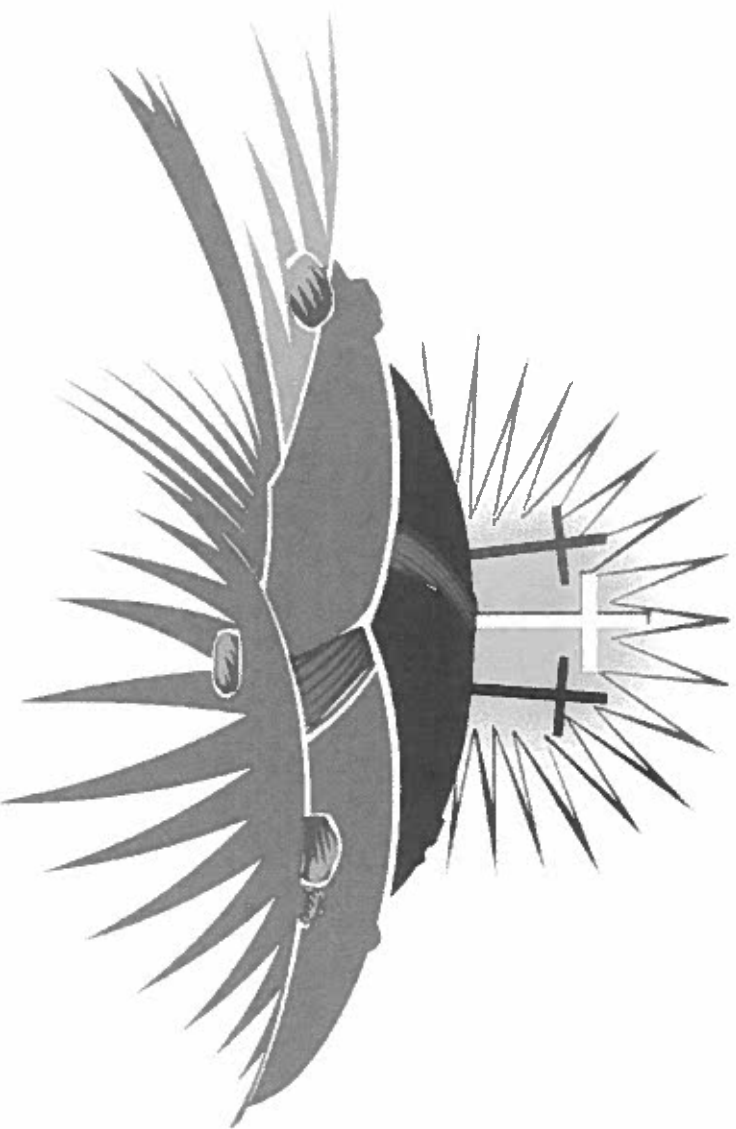
“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Sunday, March 17, 2019
Second Sunday in Lent

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