

**LENTEN SERIES**

*The Things We Leave Behind*

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** *selfishness*

# The Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*This Is My Father's World*

arr. by Hegarty

Dr. Terry McRoberts

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Leader: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

**People:** *The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.*

Leader: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

**People:** *The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.*

Leader: Glorious are the deeds of our Lord, and mighty are God's acts.

**People:** *The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God. Let us worship God!*

## MUSIC

*Bist Du Bei Mir*

Bach

Tere Ervin, flute | Penny Kendall, cello

## TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children. We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions. We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition. We have put our interests before the interests of others and have not regarded them in humility. Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance, and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. John White*

Leader: People of God, our sins are forgiven. The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**THE WORD**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Libby Smith*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Gratitude for Service to Jackson***

*Barbara Fowler*

**MUSIC**

*Pastorale*

Bach

Tere Ervin, flute | Penny Kendall, cello | Dr. Terry McRoberts, piano

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Rev. John White*

**EPISTLE READING**

*Matthew 14:13-21*  
*(Page 16)*

*Rev. John White*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Philippians 2:3-8*  
*(Page 197)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**SERMON**

*"The Things We Leave Behind: Selfishness"*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**RESPONSE**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

*Rev. John White*

*We believe...*

*in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**MUSIC**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

**THE SERVANT SONG**

**OFFERING**

*Rev. John White*

\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. John White*

**SENDING**

\*CHARGE

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

\*BENEDICTION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

\*POSTLUDE

*Sinfonia from "Abdelazer"*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Purcell/Martin