



March 8, 2020 – 10:30 am  
Second Sunday of Lent

Heidi Vardeman, pastor      Patrice Meschke, musician  
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**“Always the breath—the wind—of the Spirit is moving. We know it by effect. We have no need to ask for its authentication. Is it Protestant? Catholic? Where the fruit of the Spirit is apparent, there the Spirit is at work. We should place ourselves in its course that we may be carried by its impulse, even though this leads us to association with strange comrades... For whatever promotes love and joy and peace has its source in that divine love which sent the Son into the world, not to judge the world, but that the world may be saved.”**

William Temple, *Readings in St. John's Gospel*

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**Prelude** Patrice Meschke

**Welcome** Pastor Heidi Vardeman

**Gathering Song STF# 2068** *I Love You, Lord (verse 1)*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

**\*Call to Worship** *(responsive)* Donna Howard

For God so loved the world;  
**The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish and the people.**  
For God so loved the world;  
**In success and failure, in sickness and health,**  
**whether we demonstrate mediocre or extraordinary ability.**  
For God so loved the world;  
**Enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us,**  
**enough to offer new life for us.**  
For God so loved the world;  
**Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn GTG #269** *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

**\*Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

God of mercy, we sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your truth and from your holy will. We have failed to love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to your way, for the sake of your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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\*Please stand if you are able.

### **\*Declaration of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
**Alleluia and amen!**

### **\*Song of Rejoicing**     *Sing for yourself as an individual:*

**Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense.  
And he will be my savior.**

*Sing for the church as a community:*

**Surely it is God who saves us, we will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense.  
And he will be our savior.**

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

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

Please greet your neighbor, saying, "Peace be with you."

### **Concerns of the Church**

#### **Choir Anthem**

*Jesus Paid It All*

#### **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 12:1-4  
John: 3:1-17

#### **Sermon**

The Gospel in a Nutshell

#### **\*Hymn GTG #213**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory (verses 1, 2, 5)*

### **Prayers of the People**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer** (*ecumenical version*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your  
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Offertory**

#### **\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication GTG #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn GTG #69**

*Here I Am, Lord*

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Sung Response GTG #656**     *We've Come This Far by Faith*

### **Postlude**

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**Join us on the lower level for coffee fellowship after worship.  
There is an elevator on your right as you leave the sanctuary.**