

March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m.

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Gathering Music

Meditation by John Leavitt

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come as you are.

**All: If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,**

One: if you know every scripture or none at all,

**All: if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,**

One: or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,

**All: come as you are.**

One: This is God's house.

**All: None are turned away. All are welcome here.**

\*Opening Hymn #175

Seek Ye First

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**God of Grace, We long to do the "right" thing. We long to make the "right" choice. We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the way. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

\*Song of Praise #471

The Lord Is My Song

Time with God's Children

Anthem: Calvary's Love arr. Ellen Elwell

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Second Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Sermon

Between Faith & Works

Hymn

Ministry and Presence

\*Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in a Christ who teaches, sees, affirms, and celebrates all of who we are. We believe in a Christ who invites us to use our gifts for good and celebrates every step we take in that direction. We believe in a Christ who understands our anxieties and is gentle with our concerns. And we believe in a Christ who looks at us with undiluted love. The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners, but we know love has no limit. So with God's help, may we nurture our faith and do good work. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication:

**God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn #463

How Firm a Foundation

\*Charge

\*Sung Benediction #80

The Trees of the Field

Postlude For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Alexander

\*Rise as you are able, in body or spirit