

# Welcome to Worship! | February 25, 2024 | 2nd Sunday in Lent

## GATHERING

Prelude The Peace May Be Exchanged

### Welcome

Choral Introit Feed Us, Lord

### \*Call to Worship

Lord, as we gather for worship, help us let go... Of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us, and the anger that haunts us Lord, as we gather for worship, help us let go... Of the worry, stress or anxiety that have filled us since the last time we gathered together in your presence Lord, as we gather for worship, help us let go... Of grief, of sadness, or a desire for something else We remember as we gather for worship that we are never alone, Jesus Christ is always with us. Amen.

\*Hymn 401 Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Our Lord, forgive us when we tuck you away on a shelf, to pull you out only on special occasions or when we've hit a brick wall. We forget who you are. We go about our days with our own plans, our own schedules; we try to "make it" on our own strength. At best, we may have a few moments set aside to acknowledge you. Forgive our selfishness. Forgive us when we ignore who you are: the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Forgive us and make us more aware of your power, your presence, your grace. Help us to draw on the strength you give us to be true, thoughtful Christians. Remind us of your words, "I am with you always." Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

\*Sung Response 215 What Wondrous Love Is This? (v 1)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

#### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

Dan Locklair

Greg Scheer

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand in body or in spirit.

#### WORD

### **Prayer for Illumination**

First Lesson Hebrews 10:19-24 (MSG)

Second Lesson PC(USA) Book of Order F-1.0301 The Calling of The Church: The Church is the Body of Christ

Sermon Table Talk: Seasons and Symbols

\*Hymn 767 Together We Serve

\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

#### THANKSGIVING

### **Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads**

### Moment for Music Angela Burns

Offertory Vanitas Vanitatum Requiem for the Living Dan Forrest Vanitas vanitatum, omnia vanitas! Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Lacrimosa, et locutus est, pereat dies in qua natus sum.

English Translation: Vanity of vanities, all is vanity! Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest. Full of tears, he said, Let the day perish wherein I was born.

\*Doxology 606

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### **SENDING**

\*Hymn 733 We All Are One in Mission

#### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Dismissal

We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.

Postlude Grand Choeur

Gordon Young

#### **Worship Leaders**

Youth Director, Jen Phelps Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger Choir Director, Angela Burns Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant Adult Choir Production Coordinator, Jim Fox Lay Reader, Evelyn Estep

**Our Mission** Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.

Jen Phelps