

**Lord's Day Service
Second Sunday in Lent
February 24, 2013**

Red Hymnbook

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Worship summary: Abram's despair yields to confidence in today's Old Testament, while Paul urges Christ's followers in the Epistle lesson to stand firm in the Lord, and Jesus rebukes Pharisees in the Gospel lesson. The moral is this: When we ask, "When, O God?" we are advised to wait on God.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude and time for silent prayer

Greetings

Call to Worship [Psalm 27:1, 7-10, 13, 14] Responsively

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: Thou hast said, "Seek ye my face." My heart says to thee, "Thy face, LORD, do I seek."

Pastor: Hide not thy face from me. Turn not thy servant away in anger, thou who hast been my help. Cast me not off, forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

People: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me up.

Pastor: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

People: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the LORD!

Invocation

**Hymn #358 "God of Grace and God of Glory" [verses 1,3,5]*

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession [Unison]*

O God, we confess that there are times when we are anxious and fear for the worst rather than hope for the best, times when we fail to recognize our dependence upon you for all things, times when we seek rich rewards we do not deserve, times when we fail to recognize and tend to the destitution, the depression and desperation of others, times when we fail even to thank you for all of the love, the nurture and the compassion you shower upon us. Open our eyes to see you, O God, and forgive us we pray in the name and for the sake of your son, our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Declaration of Forgiveness [Isaiah 55:7] unison*

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**Gloria Patri #546 [red hymnbook]*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination
Scripture Lessons:
Genesis 15:1-12 [p. 11, OT]
Philippians 3:17-4:1 [p. 186, NT]
Luke 13:31-35 [p. 72, NT]

Pastor: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**Hymn # 359 "Fight the Good Fight"*

Sermon: "*Waiting on God*" Pastor Roger Stuart, CRE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*The Apostle's Creed [p. 12, Red Hymnal]

Prayers of the People [Unison]

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to you in his name. Guide us by your Holy Spirit that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray, O God, for the world, for the church, for peace, for our enemies, for those who govern us, for world leaders, for the sick, and for those who mourn. God of compassion, bless us and those we love, our friends and our families; that drawing close to you, we may be drawn closer to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying...

Lord's Prayer

The Offering

The Offertory

*Doxology [p. 544, Red Hymnal]

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation [Responsive]

Pastor: Come, neighbors, all who are baptized or earnestly seek the Lord, to eat at Christ's table.

People: We come to share the bread and cup.

Leader: Come, neighbors, to remember Christ's sacrifice.

People: We come to share Christ's love in the world.

Leader: Come, neighbors, to rejoice in God's overflowing grace.

The Thanksgiving [Responsive]

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Anthem: “*One Bread, One Body*” Words and Music by John F. Foley, S.J. Arranged by Lloyd Larson

The Institution

Invocation of God’s Blessing

Consecration of the Elements

Partaking of the Bread

Drinking of the Wine

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Charge

*Benediction [Psalm 67:1, 7] Responsive

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

People: God has blessed us.

Pastor: Let all the ends of the earth fear him.

*Hymn #437 “*The Church’s One Foundation*” [Verses 1 & 4]

* “*God Be with You*” [first verse and refrain]