



TRADITIONAL SERVICE

March 16, 2025 - 9:00am

Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Hana Do, *piano*

Call to Worship - Psalm 118.19-24

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Leader: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn of Praise – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (686)
ST. ANNE

Profession of Faith – The Apostle's Creed

All:

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Hymns:

“Give Me Jesus” (554)

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“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” (710)

MARTYN

Special Music (offertory): “The Goodness of God,”
performed by Brian Piper, Eric Faires and James Ciluffo.

Greeting of Peace – Colossians 3.15

Leader: Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Welcome/Announcements – Video

Pastoral Prayer – Dr. Rob Armstrong

Sermon – “Taste and See” – Dr. Armstrong

Closing/Pastoral Prayer – Dr. Armstrong

Closing Hymns:

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” (568)

ST. LEONARD

“This Is the Day” (209)

THIS IS THE DAY

Benediction - Dale Ralph Davis

Leader: Now may the Father who chose you, the Son that bought you, the Spirit who dwells in you, go before you in your darkness, stand beside you in your fears, hold you up in your sorrows, until Jesus comes.

People - (with a loud voice!): Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude – Hana Do