

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Ivory Palaces* Henry Barraclough
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) (from Psalm 22)

One: You who fear the Lord, praise God! Elder

Many: For God rules over the nations.

One: To God shall all who sleep in the earth bow down.

Many: Shall bow all who go down to the dust.

ALL: AND WE SHALL ALL LIVE FOR THE LORD!

One: Future generations will be told of God.

Many: Proclaim God's deliverance to people yet unborn,

ALL: SAYING THAT THE LORD HAS DONE IT!

* HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* No. 288

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated, unison)
Let us pray, ... Elder

**God of steadfast love and purpose,
you know how we prefer to serve you
in the sunshine of success and popularity,
and how we shrink away
when you ask us to walk through the fire of trial and suffering!**

**Forgive our unfaithfulness,
and teach us to be steady in both joy and suffering,
through Jesus Christ, your faithful servant. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (from Isaiah 43)

And now, thus says the Lord: Rich Stewart
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.
I, I am he who blots your transgressions...
And I will not remember your sins. You are mine.

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) *How Great Thou Art* No. 467 refrain

***Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!***

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:31-37 Pg. 41
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God** Deacon

ANTHEM *Benedictus* Brian Lewis
featuring Taylor Robinson & Wyatt Johnson

EPISTLE READING Romans 4:16-25 Pg. 147
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Rich Stewart

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH (*As children & youth come forward, please sing.*)
***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

SERMON *Let My Life Be—WHAT?* Pastor Rich Stewart

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

**The fellowship of Christians has never been among perfect people.
The struggle between our old way of life and the new is severe.
Yet the Spirit produces among followers of Jesus
Love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil.
We believe the Holy Spirit works today
whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.
As long as we live we struggle with sin,
but the Spirit's presence assures us
God will complete what he has begun in us.
—from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977**

* HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be* No. 391

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(*Pray, "Forgive us our sins..."*)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Just A Closer Walk* Spiritual
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Harold DeCou

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *What Wondrous Love is This* No. 85 verse 2
***To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rich Stewart

* HYMN *Today We All Are Called to Be* No. 434

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Take, O Take Me as I Am* (see insert)
(sing twice)

POSTLUDE *Recessional March (From "Athalia")* Felix Mendelssohn
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Carrie B. Adams

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Sean Mestdagh Deacon Reader: Dick Remington
Greeters: Bob & Nancy Rosi Sound Engineer Jim Niquette
Flowers: Marny Eulberg Time With Children & Youth: Linda Valo
Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh and Karen Powers

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**Dust and Rainbows:
A Lenten Journey through Song**

*“Oh, God of Dust and Rainbows,
Help us to see
That without the dust the rainbow
Would not be.”*

--Langston Hughes

*WPC Mission Statement: To worship God through faith and action,
To nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
To be an extended family to all, And to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer.*

Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018