



Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the day as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Prelude

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Little Prelude no. 5 in G Major BWV 557

Introit

Come, Let Us Worship - Mark Patterson

IPC Choir
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 6

Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

² Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint; heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.

³ My soul is in deep anguish. How long, Lord, how long?

⁴ Turn, Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

⁵ Among the dead no one proclaims your name. Who praises you from the grave?

⁶ I am worn out from my groaning. All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears.⁷ My eyes grow weak with sorrow; they fail because of all my foes.⁸ Away from me, all you who do evil, for the Lord has heard my weeping.

⁹ The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer.

¹⁰ All my enemies will be overwhelmed with shame and anguish; they will turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

*Call to Worship

Heather Altermatt-Hoy

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

People: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

*Hymn of Praise #94 "An Upper Room did Our Lord Prepare"

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Gracious God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

People: Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Assurance of Pardon - 1 Corinthians 1:18

Leader: For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

People: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives Romans 12:1-2

Leader: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

People: Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

***Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Choral Prayer of Illumination

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet"

IPC Choir

Music - Howard Nelson

Old Testament Reading

Heather Altermatt-Hoy

Psalms 32:1-5 (p. 560)

New Testament Reading

Luke 22:14-23 (p. 1057)

Sermon

"In the Upper Room – Were You There?"

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #102 "Were You There"**

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Raja Chintapalli, Elder for
Children's Ministry

Offertory

IPC Choir

A Lenten Meditation - Douglas E. Wagner

***Doxology #592** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayers of the People

Raja Chintapalli

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcome of Guests

Raja Chintapalli

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication #81** "Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days"

*Sending and Benediction

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Choral Benediction

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

IPC Choir

Music - Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

Fugue in F Major BWV 540

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today's bulletin cover features Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn's "The Raising of the Cross" (1633). This work is part of a commission from Frederik Hendrik, Prince of Orange, for a series of paintings based on the last events of the earthly life of Christ. The work is part of the collection of the Alte Pinakothek in Munich, Germany.