



Sunday, March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday in Lent



## **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

*During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

### **Welcome and Gathering Prayer**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 102:1-2,18-22**

Hear my prayer, Lord;  
let my cry for help come to you.  
Do not hide your face from me  
when I am in distress.  
Turn your ear to me;  
when I call, answer me quickly.

Let this be written for a future generation,  
that a people not yet created may praise the Lord:  
“The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high,  
from heaven he viewed the earth,  
to hear the groans of the prisoners  
and release those condemned to death.”  
So the name of the Lord will be declared in Zion  
and his praise in Jerusalem  
when the peoples and the kingdoms  
assemble to worship the Lord.

### **Prelude**

Choral Prelude on “Wir danken Dir, Herr Jesu Christ” Ruth Pfister, Organ  
BWV 623 from the *Orgelbüchlein*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ,  
dass du für uns gestorben bist  
und hast uns durch dein teures Blut  
gemacht vor Gott gerecht und gut.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
that you died for us  
and through your precious blood  
made us righteous and good before God.

## **Introit**

“Come, Let Us Worship the Lord”

Music and Text: Mark Patterson

IPC Choir  
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

## **\*Call to Worship**

Aaron Cherukara

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**People: We will praise God with all our heart and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise – #87 “The Glory of These 40 Days”**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**People: In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon – John 3:16-17**

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**People: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

## **God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – Matthew 22:34-40**

Leader: Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

**People: All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."**

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

## **RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Children's Message**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

**Choral Prayer of Illumination**

"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Music: Howard Nelson

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 141:1-4 (p. 629)

Aaron Cherukara

**New Testament Reading**

Matthew 26:36-46 (p. 997)

**Sermon**

"In the Garden of Gethsemane - Were You There?" Rev. Mark W. van Stee

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

# PROFESSING WHAT WE BELIEVE

## \*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

### Words of Institution

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament saying:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **The Bread and the Cup**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Blesson George, Elder for  
Outreach & Missions

### **Offertory**

"Where He Leads Me"

IPC Choir

Words: E. W. Blandy

Music: J.S. Norris (1844-1907)

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

## **OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**

### **Prayers of the People**

Nathan Wannemacher

## **GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING**

### **Welcome of Visitors**

Blesson George

### **Announcements**

**\*Hymn of Dedication – #507 "I Come with Joy"**

**\*Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

**Choral Benediction**

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

Music: Théodore Dubois

**Postlude**

Fantasy in C Major BWV 570

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Organ

*Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.*

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

*Today’s bulletin cover features Italian Renaissance artist Pietro Perugino’s “Agony in the Garden.” This painting, produced around 1483–1493, is part of the collection of the Uffizi Gallery, in Florence, Italy.*