

February 21, 2016
Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
Everett Amos

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #260 *The Church's One Foundation*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Gather Us In* Marty Haugen

Call to Worship

One: Put away your hesitation to come before God; quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

All: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

One: Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance; look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

All: God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Let us watch and wait with our Creator; let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

All: Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation

In this place, our hearts take courage. Your goodness is all around us. The trials and cares of life are stilled before you. Show us your face, O God; let your love be known to us. We need this hour to remember who we are, to let you gather us under your wings. We need this time to feel close to one another, to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters. We need reminders of the humanity and glory of Jesus Christ that empower our discipleship. Hear our cries and help us. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We hear the call to trust in God always, but some days our stresses and doubts are even more real to us than God, and trust is elusive. We remember how Abram dared to believe in God's promises, but belief like that is hard to come by. We are often inclined to think, "God helps those who help themselves," instead of daring to rely on the word of our Creator. When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to protect ourselves, and we forget the wisdom of scripture, which reminds us that we find traces of evil both outside and inside of ourselves. With God's help, we confront our fears and struggles, and we call upon a power greater than our own to resist their pull. Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings as we turn to you with our silent confessions, seeking your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of God's Love

***Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 27

(Page 619 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

(Page 14 HS in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

(Children will leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

***Hymn:** #156 *Draw Nigh To Thy Jerusalem*

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross*

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise*

God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Gospel Reading – Luke 13:31-35

(Page 93 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: *"Be The Church"*

Reverend Sara Smith & Reverend Tracy Hughes

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Choral Response: *Gather Us In* Marty Haugen

***Hymn:** *We Are The Church*

Soloist sings refrain; congregation repeats.

Choir sings verses; congregation repeats refrain.

Benediction

Response: *Gather Us In* Marty Haugen

Postlude: *Menuet Gothique* Leon Boellmann

(*Please stand if able.)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our hosts today are the Sunday School Children.

The flowers are donated by Joan Wallace.
Our Lay Reader is Jack Patterson.
Our ushers are Kevin Wolgemuth & Joe Catania.

Prayer List

Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacquette, Mary Wadsworth, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Sue Bucceri, Jim Aitchison, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Dick Dwelley, Louise "Weezie" Hannegan, Alan Weinberg, Sarah and Pete Courtright, David Bernier, Lee Cornwall and Beverly Adam.

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Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Today: 11:30 am Church Council
Monday: 3:30 pm SOAR Fencing in the Parish Hall
Tuesday: 5 pm SWSA Coaches and Athletes Line Up for Parade in the Parish Hall
5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday: 10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library Toddler Story Hour in the Parish Hall
6:00 pm Lenten Dinner
7:15 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thursday: 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat in the Parish Hall Library
4:30 pm Women's Spirituality
2 pm "Feel the Warmth" First Shift
4 pm "Feel the Warmth" Second Shift
7 pm HousaTonics
Friday: 8 am Men's Bible Study
Saturday: Saturday Morning Student Open Concert Rehearsal
1:30 pm Memorial Service for Tom Drew

OUR GUESTS TODAY

Reverend Sara Smith is the Senior Pastor at United Congregational Church (UCC) in Bridgeport, our covenant partner church.

Reverend Dr. Tracy L. Hughes is the new Minister of Outreach at UCC. In that role, she will serve as Executive Director of the Church's not-for-profit, the Norma Pfriem Urban Outreach Initiatives, Inc., administering its 10 food-centered, volunteer-powered outreach programs serving the people of the South End of Bridgeport, AND Minister of Outreach for the church, leading the mission efforts of the congregation.

Rev. Tracy was raised in the mid-west, and has served UCC churches in Ohio and Kansas.

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