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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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"Things must happen not according to your own knowledge, but rather above your own knowledge; immerse yourself in the abandonment of understanding, and I will give you my understanding." ~ Martin Luther

- GATHERING -

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Minor by J.S. Bach (BMV 875)

Eldrich Carr

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 22)

All who stand in awe of the Holy One, give praise.

All you descendants of Jacob, glorify God.

The ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God;

God's face is not hidden from us when we cry out.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and God rules over the nations.

Before God shall bow all who go down to the dust.

We shall live for the Holy One, generations will be told of the Lord. Come, let us worship God.

HYMNWill You Come and Follow MeGTG #726

by John L. Bell and Graham Maule (KELVINGROVE)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in our thoughts, our words and our actions. There is a brokenness in us that reflects the brokenness of our world — and it is deep and broad. Yet in your mercy and healing grace, you can restore us and empower us to walk in the way of Christ. In your mercy and healing grace, you can reform our paths toward love and justice for our neighbors and for the earth. In your mercy and healing grace, you can make your peace – your shalom – a reality in our communities and lives. Amen. [Time of Silent Confession.]

RESPONSE

Shepherd Me, O God by Marty Haugen (Psalm 23) GTG #473

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

- THE WORD -

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE	<i>Esther 4:10-16; 7:1-3</i>	(NRSV)		
Response	When We Must Bear Persistent Pain Text by Ruth Duck; Music by David N. Johnson	GTG #807 Verse 4		
GOSPEL	Mark 8:27-38	(CEB)		
Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. Thanks be to God.				
SERMON	But Who Do You Say That I Am?			

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

- RESPONDING TO THE WORD -

OFFERING

Response	Be Still and Know That I Am God	GTG #414
	by John L. Bell (Psalm 46)	

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response	When We Must Bear Persistent Pain	GTG #807
	Text by Ruth Duck; Music by David N. Johnson	Verse 2

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

- SENDING -

HYMNIn the Presence of Your People (Psalm 22)GTG #631by Brent Sinclair Chambers, st. 2-3 by Bert Polman (CELEBRATION)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor by J.S. Bach (BMV 875)

Pieces of today's liturgy are from the *Book of Common Worship*, PC(USA); and Presbyterian *Outlook*, Roger Gench.

(NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version; (CEB) = Common English Bible GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal

*For all responsive liturgy, leader will read the parts in regular type, and the congregation may respond with the words in bold.