

Nurture Good News

"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)



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Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 16, 2025



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*The best teacher in the world is someone who loves what they do
and just loves it in front of you. ~ Rev. Fred Rogers*

~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

PRELUDE IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Music and Lyrics by Fred M. Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(John 6)*

Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

For all of us share in God's grace.

*GATHERING LET US COME TO WORSHIP GOD

by I-to Loh

GTG #387

HIAO HOIAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 78)*

Listen my friends, listen to my teaching,
for I will speak to you in a parable.

I will teach you hidden lessons from our past.

Stories we have heard and know.

Stories our ancestors handed down to us.

We will not hide these truths from our children,
but will tell the next generation of the glorious deeds of the Holy One.

**For God issued instructions to Jacob;
and gave the Word to Israel**

God commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children

So that generations to come might know them

That they in turn might teach

So, each generation can set their hope in God.

Come, neighbors, let us worship God.

*HYMN ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY GTG #509

by Sylvia G. Dunstan

HOLY MANNA

CHILDREN OF GOD

Let us send our kids with God's love.

May God be with you there.

May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God Most High, who knows the highest heights and deepest valleys of this universe, we confess we have limited your work because of our small thinking. While you long for the bread of life to expand and nourish all creation, our fears and worries keep us contained. While you long to create kingdoms of peace and reconciliation, we draw lines between us. While you make space for everyone, we worry about sharing too much or being too vulnerable. While you search tirelessly for lost lambs, we focus our concern inward on our own issues. Forgive us for our small perspective, and open our minds to the big ideas you have for our future. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

GTG #422

PSALM 51

CREATE IN ME (Capers)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Receive God's pardon and be at peace.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

SACRED RECIPES

DAD'S WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING LEVITICUS 26:1-6, 11-12

Pew Bible p.109(OT)

***HYMN**

JESUS, TEACH US TO BE NEIGHBORS [See Insert]

by David Gambrell

MC FEELY

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 13:18-21

Pew Bible p.71(NT)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

For all of us share in God's grace.

SERMON

BREAD FOR GROWTH

~ TENDING THE GOOD NEWS ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the
sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD,
WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

GTG #582
by Paul M. Vasile

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With your guidance and grace,
may your kingdom grow.

~ GOING FORTH TO NURTURE ~

*HYMN

BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE
by Mary Ann Lathbury

GTG #460
BREAD OF LIFE

*BENEDICTION *(from John 6:58, Philippians 1:7)*

This is the bread that came down from heaven.
For all of us share in God's grace.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK: REV. ERIC DILLENBECK, GUEST PREACHER

Pieces of today's liturgy: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA) and *Illustrated Ministry*.

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