

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am

March 12, 2017

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 81 **Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

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*Expressing Our Confidence in God's Grace

Reece H. Smith

Leader: Great God, in Christ you call our name

People: and then receive us as your own,

Leader: not through some merit, right or claim,

People: but by your gracious love alone.

Leader: Great God, in Christ you set us free

People: your life to live, your joy to share.

Leader: Give us your Spirit's liberty

People: to turn from guilt and dull despair

Leader: and offer all that faith can do

People: while love is making all things new. (Verse by Brian Wren)

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, in wisdom and compassion, you discern our innermost thoughts and holiest desires. You call us to service out of this intimate knowledge and are not swayed by first impressions. We confess that we do not often view others as you view us. We do not see depth, sincerity, and potential, but form snap judgments and refuse to change them. In this way, we forfeit friendships and hurt others. Forgive us, God, and teach us to see with the heart and not simply to judge by appearances.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Lenten Wreath ***What Wondrous Love Is This*** (Blue Hymnal 85, v. 1) WONDROUS LOVE
(Two candles on the Lenten Wreath are extinguished for the Second Sunday in Lent)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

A Moment with the Children

(Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may leave the Sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

*Hymn ***As The Deer Longs*** (Please see insert) Bob Hurd

Psalm 42 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 487 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem ***Psalm 150*** Peter Anglea

John 4:5-15 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 89 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon ***Habits of the Heart: Giver, Given, and Gift*** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and ***Gloria Patri***

Ministry of Prayer

Bringing our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that members may know visitors and greet them following the worship service.)

*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 592) OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication and 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.

*Hymn 288 ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God*** ELLACOMBE

*Benediction and Choral Benediction ***Amen***

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.