



February 25, 2024  
Second Sunday in Lent

## WE GATHER

### CENTERING AND PRELUDE

*Prayer*

Composer: Arnold B. Sherman

Bells of Faith: Nancy Kuhn, Director

### WELCOME

Ann Coppersmith

### GOOD NEWS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we cry out to you.

**People: In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We cry out when we are afraid; when we can't clearly see what matters most; and we cry out for you to protect those we love, those with needs beyond our power to address. We cry out and know you hear our every whisper.

**People: Now, attune us to listen for your voice, to hear your will, and walk in your way. Make us instruments of your peace, vessels of your loving grace. Lord, in your mercy, make us living prayers.**

## WORD

### ANTHEM

*God Be in My Head*

Composer: Andrea Ramsey, living

Words: adapted from the Book of Hours, a 1514 service book used in Clare College, Cambridge

Publisher: JEHMS, Inc., a division of Alliance Music Publications, Inc.

Young Singers of Faith: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

## ANTHEM

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

African-American Spiritual

Arr.: William L. Dawson, 1899-1990

Publisher: Neil Kjos

Andre Coleman, tenor solo

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

Inspired by Mark 10

ONE: We pray for forgiveness this day.

For choosing power over service,

**ALL: forgive us.**

ONE: For seeking glory rather than humility,

**ALL: forgive us.**

ONE: when our presence is needed on the sidelines,

**ALL: forgive us.**

ONE: Help us know where we are needed

and how best to serve you and your people.

**ALL: Guide us to your side,**

**that we might be your hands**

**of healing and compassion**

**for a world in need.**

**In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:32-52

Brian Jones; Nancy Kuhn, Resources Committee Chair; Bill Maas, SPRC Chair and Linda Pickle

MESSAGE: "What is it that you want me to do for you?"

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

\*HYMN #432

*Jesu, Jesu*

Words: Tom Colvin, 1969

Music: Ghana folk song, adapt.: Tom Colvin, 1969; harm.: Charles H. Webb, 1989

Publisher: Hope Publishing Co., 1969, 1989

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Ann Bartlow, Organ

## WONDER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

## WHAT NOW

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

\*TFWS HYMN #2151

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Ann Bartlow, Organ

LENTEN PRAYER PROMISE

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

\*ONE: Merciful God: Every encounter with Jesus brings transformation.

**\*ALL: Transform us, so that even amid the messy and chaotic dailiness of life, we can believe in you with our whole hearts and work to bring light to the world. Be with us as we strive to depart from evil, and do good as we seek peace and pursue it. May our faith make us whole. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major, BuxWV 157

Composer: Dietrich Buxtehude, 1637-1707

Ann Bartlow, Organ

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## SERVING US TODAY

Acolytes: Cora Miller and Phoebe Peck-McClain

Altar Guild for February: Susan Jones

Audio Visual Volunteers: Brian Hahs, Jason Spriggs and Eric Winchenbach

Chat Room Host: Mary Stark

Congregational Welcome: Ann Coppersmith

Faith 101 Teachers: Mike Coppersmith and Chuck Spencer

Fellowship Host: Ellen Stanley and Michael Wu

Liturgist: Nancy Kuhn

Nursery Staff: Tessa Ricketts and Celina Schmidt

Sunday School Teachers: Bonnie Campbell and Amanda Vedder

Welcome Team: Bill and Lloydie Zaiser

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