

**Second Sunday in Lent  
February 25, 2024**

**Gathering**  
*God invites us to enter His presence*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

*Dennis Lesher*

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.  
**Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.**  
Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?  
**For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship  
before you.**

—Revelation 15:3-4, NIV

 **Invocation**

*Dennis Lesher*

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;  
eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;  
eternal Power, be our support;  
eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;  
eternal Love, have mercy upon us,  
that with all our heart and mind and strength  
we may seek your face  
and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

 **Praise Song**

*10,000 Reasons*

*Chorus*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.

*Verse 1*

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*Chorus*

*Verse 2*

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

*Chorus*

*Verse 3*

*And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

*Chorus*

*Ending*

*Lord, I'll worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

**Confessing**  
***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Call to Confession**

*Dennis Leshner*

God's Word assures us:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,  
he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

—based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV

**Prayer of Confession** *(Responsively)*

*Dennis Leshner*

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us,  
mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us:  
how often have we tried to hide from your presence,  
how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand!

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our  
brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of  
yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you,  
how seldom have we really loved and followed you!

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:  
how often have we ignored your promptings,  
how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

## Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Lesher

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

—Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## 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.  
A-men, A-men.*

### Offering

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and pay your vows to the Most High.

—Psalm 50:14, NRSV

### Offering

**Offertory** *The Lord Almighty Reigns*

*Chorus  
Hallelujah, hallelujah! For the LORD Almighty reigns.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah! For the LORD, our God,  
the Almighty reigns.*

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

## Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.  
With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate  
our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have  
made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us—  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 Hymn 334

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

**Proclaiming**  
***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 15:1-10

**15** All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, <sup>6</sup> and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' <sup>7</sup> I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance.

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the silver coin I lost!' <sup>10</sup> I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents."

**Sermon**

*"Lost Things"*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*

 Hymn 468

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God's Word***

 **Profession of Faith** (*Psalm 23*)

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

## Prayers of the People

### Commissioning

*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*



#### **Praise Song**

*Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*

##### *Verse 1*

*What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand.*

##### *Refrain*

*O sing, hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing, hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

##### *Verse 2*

*What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good. God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?*

##### *Refrain*

##### *Verse 3*

*Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forever more.*

##### *Refrain*

*Tag - Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**