

# Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arranged by Laurel Hunt Pedersen

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 22 (*responsively*)

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**For he did not despise or abhor**

**the affliction of the afflicted;**

**he did not hide his face from me**

**but heard when I cried to him.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember**

**and turn to the Lord,**

**and all the families of the nations**

**shall worship before him.**

For dominion belongs to the Lord,

and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

**Posterity will serve him;**

**future generations will be told about the Lord**

**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,**

**saying that he has done it.**

SALUTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 137 Christ, the Life of All the Living

Tune: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

O God of creation, we have sinned against you. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbor as our selves.

**Forgive us, God.**

God of our society, we have been sinful with how we have structured our world. We have organized ourselves with the powerful on top and the vulnerable on the bottom. We have exploited people as commodities.

**Forgive us, God.**

God of the church, we have fallen for the trappings and temptations of our world. Help us revive our Gospel calling and empower your people for the work of your kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN’S TIME

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 755 Speak, O Lord  
Tune: SPEAK, O LORD

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:31-38 p. 44  
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON “Images of Love: Suffering”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## The Response to God

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 456 Shepherd Me, O God (refrain only-sung twice)  
Tune: SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

*Refrain*

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants,  
be - yond my fears, from death in - to life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Take up your cross Ronald Corp  
*'Take up your cross', the Saviour said, 'if you want to follow me'.*

I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my wicked transgressions.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Shepherd Me, O God (sung twice)

Father in Heaven. ...

We lift up our silent prayers for the world

*silence*

Shepherd Me, O God (sung twice)

Lord of the Church, ...

We lift up our silent prayers for your global church.

*silence*

Shepherd Me, O God (sung twice)

Loving God, ...

We lift up our silent prayers for our congregation.

*silence*

Shepherd Me, O God (sung twice)

**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 OF DEDICATION      142      We Are People on a Journey

Tune: DEEPER JOURNEY

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When We Are in Utmost Need

Gottfried Kirchhoff

\*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas liturgists; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

## Today

We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you sign in on the fellowship pads in the pew or you may follow this QR code to sign in. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in you and your family members and let us know you were here. **If you are joining us as a guest today**, please follow this QR code, or head to [trcholland.org/quickstart](http://trcholland.org/quickstart) to let us know you were here.



ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura Baer, Jim Vander Meer, Pablo Perez.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Ella and Willis Weymon will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

EDUCATION HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Preschool-First Grade room 2	Second-Fifth Grade	room 1
6th-8th grades	room 11	Senior High Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:15-12:15

Mosaic: Movies That Complement Novels" led by Deb VanDuinen and Mark Hiskes.

meets in the chapel. Next week: "Anthony Trollope and Ted Lasso: Honoring the Holy Fool" led by Mark Hiskes and Jeff Munroe.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** There will be no education classes on Sunday, March 10 due to the All Church Retreat.

**EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL):** Les invitamos a las 11:30 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

*[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO** (SPANISH GATHERING) We invite you to join us at 11:30 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you! English translation via headset is available.*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor  
11:15 a.m. Education Hour  
11:15 a.m. Carillon Choir  
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Gathering  
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

### Monday

1:00 p.m. Watercolor Class

### Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry  
6:30 p.m. JET Racial Equity Team

### Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)  
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)  
5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner  
6:15 p.m. LIFT Classes  
6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

### Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints  
4:30 p.m. SW Quadrant Open House

### Friday

6:30 a.m. High School Bible Study

### Saturday

9:30 a.m. El Encuentro Music Rehearsal

## Congregational News

*Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.*

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Dennis Nienhuis in the death of his wife, Kathy, on February 20. Visitation will be this afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. A funeral service will be held on Monday, February 26, at 11:00 a.m., at Langeland Sterenberg.

SYMPATHY is extended to Peg Van Grouw in the death of her husband, Steve, on February 20.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. Bob Kuiper has returned to Quincy Place. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck, LaVerne Lievens; Royal Park Atrium-Marcia Callicoat, Harley Brown; Quincy Place Bob & Elle Kuiper. Missionaries-Jamie & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS: You should have received an email last week with our consistory nomination letter and a link to the online nomination form. If you would prefer a hard copy of the nomination form, you may pick one up from the church office. **Nominations are due today.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: As we did last year, we plan on having several small-group studies for Lent. This year's study is "Journey to the Cross: A 12-Day Reading Plan" and it includes contributions by Dr. Wesley Hill and Dr. Ruth Padilla DeBorst. Sessions are available on Wednesday evenings Feb. 28, March 13 and 20 at 6:30 after LIFT dinner (in person), and Sunday evenings March 3, 17 and 24 at 6:30 (one group in person, the other via Zoom). Click on the link in Thursday's edition of Third Church News or contact the church office to sign up for this study.



The All-Church Retreat will be here soon! This will be a weekend full of food, fun, and fellowship! Featuring speakers from the RCA, and activities for all ages (see the included schedule for more information)! Look for more information and the sign up form in Thursday's edition of Third Church News or call the church office to sign up.

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