

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Second Sunday in Lent  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE: Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Be Still, My Soul** #534

**SILENT PRAYER**

**CHOIR INTROIT: *Come and Fill Our Hearts***

**\*HYMN: Where He Leads Me** #338 (vs1, 2, 4)

***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome this day to the second step on our Lenten Journey.

**P: We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.**

L: Now, we are moving rapidly toward Jerusalem.

**P: Along the way, we will witness astonishing acts of mercy and justice.**

L: Holy One, be with us on the journey.

**P: Guide our lives and our steps, we pray. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of presence and power, be with us on this second step of our Lenten journey to the Cross. Help us to make a commitment of our lives, our spirits, and our hearts to ministry in your name. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing, renewing, and healing us with the power of your love so that we may live with purpose, enthusiasm, and courage after the example of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**ANTHEM: *Open the Eyes of My Heart***

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Mark 8:31-38

**\*HYMN: Be Thou My Vision**

**#451**

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD***

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#95**

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN: Take My Life and Let It Be**

**#399**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: El Shaddai**

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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