

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 13, 2022

**GATHERING HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

UMH #64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
**Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**  
**Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,**  
**Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,**  
**Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**



**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Holy One call us to trust and to pray.

**P: God is our light and salvation, the stronghold of our lives.**

L: The Holy One calls us to take courage, as we travel the path with Jesus.

**P: Teach us Your ways, O God, and lead us on our journeys.**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**P: Behold the beauty of the Holy One, and bless God's holy name.**

**HYMN** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH #117

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,**  
**Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;**  
**Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,**  
**From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;**  
**Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;**  
**They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

## **OPENING PRAYER** (spoken in unison)

Help us to remember the ancient stories, even as we place our trust in You and exalt Your name. Bless us as we follow the path that leads to the cross with Jesus. Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (spoken in unison)

Loving Guide and Protector of our children, help us to remember Jesus and his walk to Jerusalem, that would cost him His life. Amen.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L: Hear the good news. The Holy One forgives and guides u, conforming u into the very image of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken in unison)

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

## **OFFERING & DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **HYMN** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

UMH #580

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

## HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Genesis 15: 1-12

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

L: The Word of the Lord!     P: Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

"An Everlasting Covenant"

Rev. Richard Baker

## HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH #140

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain:*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

## BENEDICTION

L: Friends, stand firm in Christ. Trust God's promises in all things and take shelter in the Spirit's loving arms in times of trouble. God in peace, to love and serve the world.

P: Amen.

## SENDING SONG *On Eagle's Wings*

UMH #143

**And God will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun; and hold you in the palm of God's hand**