

# Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## Welcome

### \*Passing of the Peace

**Chiming of the Hour** *(please be seated)*

**Prelude** *The Glory of These Forty Days* by Josquin des Prez  
Sanctuary Choir

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,

**People: Christ goes with us side by side.**

Leader: While we gather here for worship,

**People: May our lives be focused with praise and care.**

Leader: As we sing, pray, and listen,

**People: May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.**

Leader: And may this time of worship,

**People: Be for us a constant guide.**

Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

**People: As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.**

**\*Opening Hymn #384** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### \*Centering Prayer

Understanding and compassionate God, so often the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts do not seem acceptable in your sight. There is much about ourselves we find unacceptable. As we come to this place, grant to us eyes to see through the lens of your surpassing love the new creations of your grace that we are. Amen.

### Children's Message

**Anthem** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* by Dobrinski  
Carillon Bells

**Psalter Reading** Psalm 15 Hymnal, Page 747  
Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God." Response #1  
People: "Thanks be to God."

**\*Hymn of Preparation #365** *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

**Sermon** "The 4-Way Test" Rev. Bates  
Text: Matthew 7:1-5 (The Message)

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, forgive us when we stray from your path and succumb to the temptation of the moment.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

Leader: Forgive us for failing to see every person as one of your beloved children.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

Leader: Forgive us when we fail to share from the resources we have, when others go hungry for lack of food, or have no place to rest.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

Leader: Forgive us when we hold onto our anger and hurts, failing to forgive as you have forgiven us.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

Leader: Forgive us when we forget to live our lives in a way that shows that you are our God and we are your people.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

*(continue to pray in silence)*

## Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer #895**

*Choral Amen*

**Offering & Offertory**

*Deep River* arr. B. Peter

**\*Doxology #95**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Generous and gracious Savior, we offer our gifts and our lives in response to the extravagant gift of your redeeming love. With joy and thanks we make this offering, grateful for the privilege of taking part in your salvation story. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn #438** *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (insert)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Improvisation on "Lean on Me"

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*