# 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2015 ◆ 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Welcome**

***Passing the Peace**

**Prelude** *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*
Men's Ensemble

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
**People: We gather together to sing our praise to God's glory.**
Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
**People: We gather with open hearts and souls, to receive the comforting presence of the Lord.**
Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
**People: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**
**All: O God, as we gather in gratitude, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. To you we lift our voices in praise!**
--Based on Psalm 19

***Opening Hymn #100** *God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us*

***Centering Prayer**

**Gracious God, the journey is long and the cross is heavy. We come today to this place of worship tired -- tired of responsibility, tired of turning the other cheek, tired of returning good for evil and tired of serving you unnoticed. We wish someone else could bear our burdens for us. We long for an oasis in our wilderness. In the quietness of these moments, help us to turn our eyes upon One who has taken responsibility, who has turned the other cheek, who has returned good for evil, who has borne our burdens for us. Enable us to enjoy our lightened load, to continue our Lenten journey, to find the oasis of your love and to drink the waters of mercy and compassion. Amen.**

***Ministry of the Word** Romans 4:13-21 (selected verses, NLT)
Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."
**People: "Thanks be to God."**

**Sermon** "What We Need Are Hero's" Dr. Rev. Dee Pendley
Text: Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** (from Psalm 25)

**Offering & Offertory** *This Lonesome Valley* Price & Besig
*Sanctuary Choir*

***Doxology (#95)**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (UMH pg. 17)

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing of the Bread & Cup**
Special Music *Sonata* Telemann
Ben Bieryla

**Prayer After Receiving**

***Closing Hymn #374** *Standing on the Promises*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please Stand As You Are Able*