

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Like a River Glorious"
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

arr. L. Larson
arr. Molly Ijames

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship: based on [Psalm 139:23–24](#)

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts!
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.
Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.
**We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

* God's Greeting

Ministry in Music: "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: based on [Psalm 91](#)

Psalm Prayer

God of endless love, you have promised to protect your people in times of danger and to hear us when we pray. May your promises overcome any doubt of fear so that we may live confidently and praise you joyfully no matter what this day may bring. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

God's Will for Our Lives

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Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Ministry in Music: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Assurance of Pardon: based on [Psalm 66:19, 1 Corinthians 10:16–17](#)

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Sermon: *A Sure Promise*

[Mark 14:12–26](#)

* Hymn: "The Power of the Cross"

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Offertory Prayer

Offerings may be placed in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary as you leave, be mailed to the church, or [given online](#).

* Confession of Faith

[from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1](#)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

[Ephesians 3:20–21](#)

* Doxology: "And Can It Be"

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Postlude: "My Savior's Love"

arr. L. Larson

At the conclusion of the service, please remain in your pew to allow the ushers to coordinate an orderly dismissal.

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Liturgists: Brandon & Ginette Hehn | Piano: Laurie Vander Baan

Call to Worship adapted from the Worship Sourcebook J.1.2.6

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