

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude: "In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock"
"Lord, I Need You"

arr. Lloyd Larson
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship:

based on Isaiah 43:1-3, Jeremiah 29:12-13

Prayer of the Day:

Lord, in this Lenten season we think of the cross – the emblem of suffering and shame which holds for us a wondrous beauty and attraction because it was there that Jesus died to pardon and sanctify his people. May we cherish the cross and cling to it in repentance and trust, laying aside our trophies, as we wait for the risen Christ to bring us to the Father's side. We pray in his name, Amen.

* Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

PH 483

* God's Greeting:

based on Galatians 1:3-5

CONFESSION & PRAYER

Call to Confession:

from Psalm 1

Prayer of Confession

Choir: "And Can It Be?"

arr. Dan Forrest

Assurance of Pardon:

I Timothy 1:12-17

Public Profession of Faith:

Sandy Holloway (PH p. 964)

* Confession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

* Hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Speak, O Lord"

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Cultural Tumbleweeds and Christian Freedom*

Colossians 2:6-23 (p. 1166)

* Hymn: "Lord, I Need You"

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

God's Will for Our Lives:

Colossians 3:12-15

Ministry Moment:

Ann Roon (Children's Haven)

Offertory Prayer

for the General Fund &

The Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

* Doxology: "The Solid Rock"

Postlude:

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Verken

Liturgists: Cary Vanden Akker, Phyllis Masso, Sue Gjeltema

Piano: Terry Ebbeling | Guitar: Greg Ebbeling | Saxophone: Brandis Haagsma

Choir Director: Laurie Vander Baan

Call to Worship adapted from Celebration Hymnal #628

Prayer of the Day adapted from Celebration Hymnal #327