



March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday in Lent

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“Cantabile”

Telemann

Welcome

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**We gather together to sing our praise to God’s glory.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**We gather with open hearts and souls, to receive the comforting presence of the Lord.**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**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

## Songs of Praise

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| “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” | #140     |
| “I Love You, Lord”             | L. Klein |
| “How Great Thou Art”           | #553     |

## Prayer of Confession

O Lord, your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. But sometimes we assume that our good deeds must reach that far too. Please forgive us when we assume human effort garners your forgiveness. Remind us that it's not the heroic nature of our Christian living that pleases you. Instead, our communion with you is secured by Christ's death on the cross. Give us eyes and ears to experience your love. In this love, anchor the hearts of your children, that we might be free from performance anxiety, from workaholism, from fear of failure. Make us new, that we may share this love more freely. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## Proclaiming the Word

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| Scripture Reading        | Luke 18:15-30              | Carrie Heins        |
| Time for Young Disciples |                            | The Monaghan Family |
| Scripture Reading        | Luke 18:31-43              |                     |
| Sermon                   | “Will Faith Make Us Well?” | Pastor Matt         |

# Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#426

## Affirmation of Faith—Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Offering

### Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

#965

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

## Communion - Invitation

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Lord’s Supper

### Communion Hymn

“Beneath the Cross”

#825

## Prayers of the People

## Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn                    "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"                    #690

Benediction

Postlude    Lenten Postlude    Curtis

Leading in Today's Service

*Worship Leaders:* Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Carrie Heins

*Pianist/Organist:* Anna Nichols

*Worship Music Team (varies):* Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Jody Cox, Iantha Frazer

*Media Team (varies):* Ruth Brown, Wayne Brown, Dan Cobb, Jody Cox, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair, Michele Haworth, Todd Haworth, Bonnie McCloskey, Bruce McCloskey, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Dorita Reed, Paul Stutesman, Mark Wendt

*Slides:* Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

*Last week's attendance:* 8:30 49, 11:00 45

***Slideshow this week:*** Marvelous Marys!

Next Week's Worship, Sunday, March 8, 2nd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 1:10-18, \*Luke 19:1-10; "Zacchaeus and Us"

Zacchaeus was not only small in stature, but he was also small in character and value. That is, until he encountered Jesus, and then his entire life changed. What do we know about Zacchaeus? He was a tax collector, a *chieftax* collector, and that meant he gathered taxes for the occupying army—Rome. The title of the sermon is "Zacchaeus and Us," but what does Zacchaeus have to say about you and me, about all of us?

The Rev. Stan Jacobson will be preaching ([fpcpa.org/worship](http://fpcpa.org/worship)).