

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023

9:30 a.m.

*"We are grounded in the grace of God
which exceeds our imagination."*

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Mary Mackie

Fill Us With Your Goodness... J S Bach

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lou Pennebaker

* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess that forgiveness does not come easily for us. We tend to hold on to our bad feelings, which affect us as well as those we refuse to forgive. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to be more like Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice of His life on the cross. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

Chancel Bells

O, How I Love Jesus... arr. Linda Lamb

* Those who wish may stand.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Michele Johnson

Psalms 99

pg. 936

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

I Come to the Cross... Batstone and Somma, arr. Jack Schrader

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 18:15-35

pg. 1527

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Anne Swanson

"The Church: A Fellowship of the Forgiven"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 347

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CLOSING HYMN

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Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Inside Cover of Hymnal

Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE

Mary Mackie

Deck My Soul With Gladness... Johann Krebs

* Those who wish may stand.