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## Order of Worship for 3/16/25 Second Sunday of Lent

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**\* Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

CALL TO WORSHIP

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

**He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

**For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded and it stood firm.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

1 O splendor of God's glory bright,  
From light eternal bringing light;  
Thou light of life, light's living spring,  
True day, all days illumining.

2 Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,  
Shower down Thy radiance from above,  
And to our inward hearts convey  
The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

3 O joyful be the passing day  
With thoughts as clear as morning's ray,  
With faith like noontide shining bright,  
Our souls unshadowed by the night.

4 O Lord, with each returning morn  
Thine image to our hearts is born;  
O may we ever clearly see  
Our Savior and our God in Thee!

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor see neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
**We are forgiven.**

**\*HYMN #579**

Glory Be to the Father

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Exodus 3:1-14

Old Testament page 50

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 1:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament page 91

**SERMON**

Rev. TJ Shirley

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the**

**right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*HYMN #462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine;  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiance divine;  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

He's Everything to Me

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **SENT IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CLOSING HYMN #510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

1 Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,  
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of all,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.

2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,  
To them that find Thee, all in all.

3 We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread,  
And long to feast upon Thee still;  
We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
O chase the night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

#### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Liturgical resources from *Book of Common Worship* (1993) and (2018).

