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Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prelude on a Folk Hymn

Francis Jackson

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

It is good to see all of you here, but why do you come?

**We are here to praise God for all the wonderful things
bestowed upon us.**

After you praise God, what will you do?

We will seek to learn of God's will for our lives.

After you learn of God's will, what will you do?

We will go forth to joyfully share God's love with others!

Blessings be upon you then. Let us worship God!

Gospel Praise

There Is a Name

Westminster Harmony Chorale

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**In your presence, O God, our disguises and pretenses do not avail,
and under the light of your holiness, we know ourselves for what
we are sinners, who often hide our selfish motives behind noble
pretensions and refuse to share your love with those who seem
to us unlovable. Though few of us are really humble or ashamed,
forgive our pride and our sins, through Christ Jesus who does find us
lovable and who joyfully celebrate with us our place in the family of God.
Amen.**

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

***Response AAHH #839** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Deuteronomy 21: 18-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem Hear My Prayer, O God
Chancel Choir
Jacob Arcadelt

Second Reading Luke 15: 1-2, 11-32

Message Parable of the "Joyful Siblings"

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God, that he is my Creator, in Jesus Christ, that he is my Lord, in the Holy Spirit, that he is my Sanctifier. God has created me and given me life, soul, body and all goods; Christ has brought me into his Lordship through his body; and the Holy Spirit sanctifies me through his word and the sacraments which are in the church and will sanctify us wholly on the last day. This is the Christian faith; to know what has been given to you, and to know what you must do. Amen.

-Martin Luther

***Hymn AAHH #451**

I Need Thee Every Hour

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory

Meditation on 'Berglund'

David Lasky

***Doxology GTG #606**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

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.**

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn GTG #546**

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessings

***Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude in C

Hermann Schroeder

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dr. Loren Scribner, Guest Preacher

Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist

Victor Boyd, Westminster Harmony Chorale Director

David Johnson, Liturgist

CeJay Chapman, Deven Humphreys, Acolytes

Today's Anthem

Hear my prayer, O God, turn not from me; hearken unto the voice of my supplication. I will call upon God. He alone will be my salvation. He endureth for all generations. O Lord almighty, turn not Thyself from me, I pray Thee, O Lord God! O hear my prayer, Lord, hear my prayer. Amen.

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New to Westminster Church of Detroit? We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship, and we would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad which can be found in each pew rack. Sign it then pass it down to others sitting in your pew.

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR 451

With my whole heart I seek You; do not let me stray from Your commandments.

Psalms 119:10


1. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Most gra - cious Lord;
2. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Stay Thou near - by;
3. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, In joy or pain;
4. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;

No ten - der voice like Thine Can peace af - ford.
Temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.
Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life is vain.
And Thy rich prom - is - es In me ful - fill.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need Thee;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to Thee.

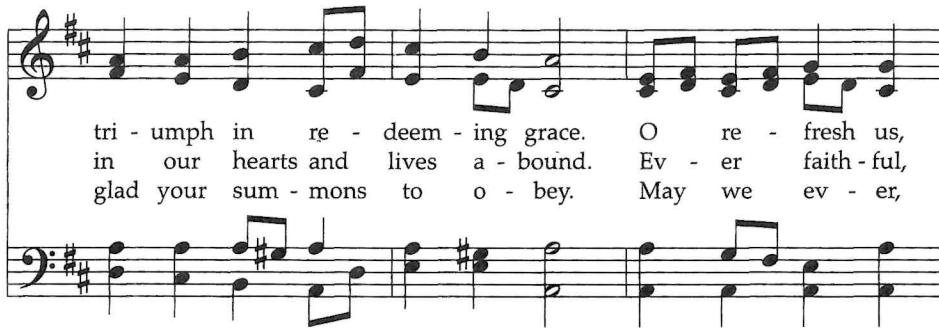
546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.