



Established 1851
Madison, Wisconsin

February 25, 2018
The Second Sunday in Lent
9:00 am Classical Worship

Welcome to Worship

We are about to enter sacred time, in a place made sacred
by our presence and intention. Please turn off or silence your phones, and as you do so,
turn down the volume on your fears; remove your masks; and loosen the armor around your heart.
Breathe.

Let go of the expectations placed on you by others—and those you place on yourself.
Drop the guilt and the shame in honest expectation of the possibility of forgiveness.
Let go of the thing you said the other day. Let go of the thing you dread next week.
Be here, in this moment. ~ Chip Roush, ad.

Pre-Service Musical Offering

We welcome you to use this time to prepare for worship and direct yourself towards
the presence of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Please keep silence in the Sanctuary during this time.

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| I. Toccata in F Major | Dietrich Buxtehude |
| II. Fantasia | Johann Pachelbel |
| III. Elegy | William Walton |
| IV. Children of the Heavenly Father | Kevin Lau |
| V. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | John Carter |
| VI. Abide With Me | Joshua Evanovich |
| VII. Brother James' Air | Dale Wood |
| VIII. Open My Eyes, That I May See | Robert J. Hughes |

A Community Centered in Christ:
gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve.

We Gather in Love

The Introit *Hashivenu* Israeli Folk Song, arr. Doreen Rao
Cause us to return to you, O God, and we shall return.

Please stand for

The Call to Worship

All who honor the LORD, praise the LORD!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

All the families of the nations shall worship before the LORD.

For dominion belongs to the LORD;

Who rules over the nations.

Remain standing to sing

The Hymn of Praise *The God of Abraham Praise*

Hymnal No. 488
(Leoni)

The Prayer of the Day

The Gloria Patri

Hymnal No. 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

You may be seated.

The Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge and strength, forgive us when we fail to trust in you.

We fall to temptation; we hunger after that which does not satisfy.

**We compromise our commitments to you. We choose our ease and
comfort over your demanding claims upon us and the world.**

**We doubt your care and power to protect us. In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

The Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy)

Hymnal No. 574

*We mark the season of Lent by singing "Lord, Have Mercy" before our
Silent Confession. Please join in singing after the Choir sings it once through.*

Our Silent Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Welcome –
We're glad YOU
are worshipping with
us today!*

Thank you for silencing
cell phones and other
electronic devices
before worship!



A Hearing Loop
Is installed
and available.
Switch your hearing aid
to "T-Cell".
Please ask an Usher
if you need assistance.

Congregational spoken
responses appear
in **bold type**.

Hymns and sung
responses will be found in
the **BLUE HYMNAL**
under the seat
in front of you.

Large Print Bulletins,
Hymnals and Bibles are
available. Ask an Usher.

*Please join us –
after Worship today
for coffee
and fellowship
in the Gathering Hall,
outside of the Sanctuary.
Whether you are
a long-time member or
a visitor, we'd like to
get to know you!*

*The Season of
Lent, 2018*



TURNING

Turn

Return

Repentance –

In Hebrew all three
have

a common root –

lashuv

shuvah

teshuvah

Lent has a character
of turning –

Turning away from
distractions,
from misplaced
priorities, from dust
and numbness and
dread.

We turn away in order
to become who we can
be at our utmost
and best in God.

Life is a turning,
a becoming, and Lent
reminds us that to
return, we will have to
turn away and descend.

~ Susan Palo Cherwien

Please stand

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Doxology

Hymnal No. 592

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.

You may be seated.

*Children ages 3-10 are excused at this time for Children's Chapel,
in the Sunday School classrooms downstairs.*

We Grow by Grace

News of the Church

The First Scripture Reading Mark 15:33-34

Pew Bible, page 829

The Psalm

Verses chosen from Psalm 91

*Services during Lent include the responsive singing of a chosen Psalm
each week. Please join in singing the response below after each verse.*

Refrain

Hal H. Hopson



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The Second Scripture Reading Habakkuk 1: 5-17

Pew Bible, page 762

The Sermon

Trusting God in Troubling Times: Why?

The Invitation for Giving

The Offertory Anthem God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

~ John 3:16

