

# Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday in Lent

## GATHERING

Prelude *Deep River* arr. Warren M. Angell

Welcome (Please sign the friendship pad)

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Genesis 12:1-4*)

We are met in the presence of God

**And we do not meet alone.**

With the angels in the highest heaven

**We gather to worship the Lord.**

With Abraham and Sarah

**We gather to worship the Lord.**

With the saints of every age

**We gather to worship the Lord.**

We embark on our own journey of faith

**God's Holy name be praised.**

God makes of us a great people

**God's Holy name be praised.**

In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

**God's Holy name be praised.**

We journey in the presence of God.

**And we do not journey alone.**

\*Hymn 49 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

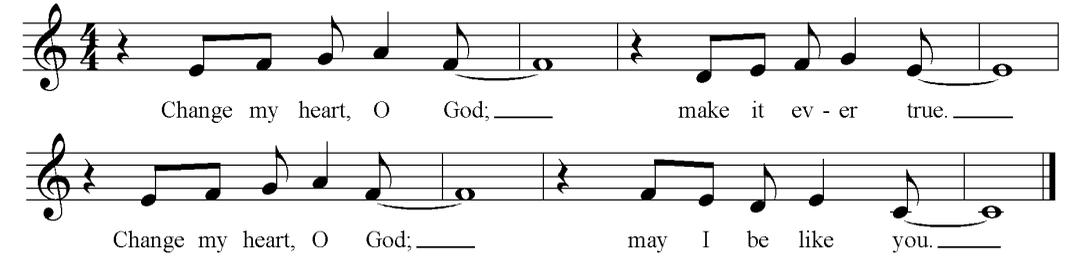
\*Facing Our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

**Gracious God, we confess that too often, we seek security in comfort and familiarity. We fear and resist change. We look back nostalgically on the past instead of boldly placing our hope for the future in you and your good promises. Forgive us, gracious God. Like Sarah and Abraham, may we hear your call to follow you into the unknown, filled with faith instead of fear. Focus our eyes toward Jesus, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross for us. God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)* Amen.

(\*All who are able may stand.)

\*Kyrie (Hymn 695) *Change My Heart, O God* CHANGE MY HEART



\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

*(Passing the peace is more than a greeting. It is a ritual acting out of Jesus' call to love and forgive others, as we have been loved. We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church: "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.")*

\*Response to God's Grace (Hymn 581) *Gloria Patri* William Greatorex  
**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.**

## PROCLAMATION

Message for Children (Hymn 623) *I've Got Peace Like a River* PEACE LIKE A RIVER  
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
(Repeat)

(All children in 4 year old preschool thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to the narthex for Children's Chapel)

Anthem *These Forty Days* Zollene Reissner

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4 Pew Bible, OT, page 9  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Word Proclaimed *The Journey Without and the Journey Within* Bruce Grady

## RESPONSE

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (pg. 35 in front of hymnal)  
**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**

