

Second Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2006 Worship at 10:00 A.M.

On Jesus...

"After the fall of so many gods in this century, this person, broken at the hands of his opponents and constantly betrayed through the ages by his adherents, is obviously still for innumerable people the most moving figure in the long history of [human]kind." Hans Küng, German theologian (born 1928)

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: What is worship, if not a time to remember?

All: It is a time to remember who we are.

Leader: And, how do we know such things as *who we are*?

All: We learn such things by being with one another – in worship and service, by the things we do, how we care for one another, and how we pray.

Leader: Is that all there is to it?

All: No, but it's a great start to knowing how we are called.

Leader: Then sing, worship, be with one another, pray, and more...

All: Opening ourselves to one another, God's great and revealing grace, and the "who we are" that awaits us.

* **Hymn #377** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Boundless God, each day it seems that we have such limited time to seek and follow your will. We have so much else to do. Sometimes, it would be nice just to have a desert out back, so we could disappear for a while and meditate, just like Jesus did. Yet, it's hard to find even a quiet place for a minute or two without a siren, a train, a passing truck, or the cry of a child.

(Unison Prayer continued)

However, it is true that all things come out of silence, so even in the midst of responsibilities and distractions, there are minutes and seconds in which we can find you, your voice, and listen. Those, we think, are the most important moments of the day, the ones that suspend the race, give us pause, and help us to think about who we are in the midst of all that is going on. These are the moments that remind us of the "others" about us, the God within, and the blessings we have received to share. For it is said that true forgiveness is always based on service - preceded only by the presence and gratitude of your love. That is what the pause helps us to hear and remember. May it be so.

Silent Confession

Choral Response

Declaration of Forgiveness

* **Hymn # 593**

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;
Melt me; Mold me; Fill me; Use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Anthem

Shall We Gather by the River Arr. John Carter

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

With Ann in Our Hearts

* **Hymn #80**

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

* **Hymn #591**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

*** Hymn #486** *When the Morning Stars Together*

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Amen**

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*

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Participants

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| Interim Minister | Ray Bagnuolo |
| Organist and Choir Director | Michael Shapiro |
| Lay Reader | |
| Ushers | |
| Deacon of the Month | |
| Coffee Hour Deacons | |

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