Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2020

CENTERING THOUGHT
"Isn't it amazing that we are all made in God's image, and yet there is so much diversity among his people?" - Desmond Tutu

PREFACE       Two Chorale Settings J.S. Bach
Our Father Who Art in Heaven
Lee Engstrom, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Christ of the comfortable,
you would call us
from our security and sameness,
down that unknown path
which leads to God's heart:

All: with trust, we would place
our hands in yours, and follow.

One: Companion of our sleepless nights,
you would beckon us
out of the shadows of our fears,
calling us to bring our doubts
and questioning hearts along:

All: with humility, we would listen
to those answers we do not
expect, or even understand.

One: Word which creates out of nothingness,
you would fill us with life
where we see only emptiness,
you would keep your promises
when all ours lie littered on the ground:

All: we would let your grace transform
us into faithful disciples.

*OPENING HYMN       God Loved the World 208

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Kumbaya traditional African American
****Youth will attend worship today

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Lamb of God by Gary Rand. Music leader, Carrie Strom
Pastoral Prayer
Lord’s Prayer

CHOIR ANTHEM       God, Thou Art Love 188
Courtney

ACT OF DEDICATION
Invitation
Offertory Air on a D String  J.S. Bach
Natalie Hockamier and Ryan Pott, violin
*Doxology Give Me a Clean Heart
Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.
God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17, Christian Scripture: pg. 93-94

SERMON "Detox Gender: For God So Loved the World" by Ellie Lopez

SERVICE OF OUR LORD’S TABLE
Prayer for Forgiveness
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Invitation
Sharing of the Bread & Cup—Please stay seated
(Communion bread is gluten-free)
Instrumental Communion Music
Prelude in C  Jerry Hoffman, piano  J.S. Bach
Arioso  Caren Dobreff, flute  J.S. Bach
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*CLOSING HYMN       God Our Author and Creator 530

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in G minor  J.S. Bach