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## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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### ✠ GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD ✠

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

\* THE GREETING  
(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

\* PRAISE CHORUS #143      *On Eagle's Wings*

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP  
*Lent calls us to make a journey from ashes to new life!*  
**We follow Jesus in the way of faithful discipleship!**  
*Christ Jesus bids us come and die to the world that we might receive new life!*  
**His love gives us strength for the journey!**  
*Come now and worship the One who calls us to be his disciples!*  
**Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God!**  
(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

\* HYMN #139      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

THE GATHERING PRAYER

As we gather on this second Sunday in Lent, O God, open our hearts and minds to Your call to walk faithfully in the way of discipleship. We know there are many challenges, both subtle and direct, to be faced on this journey. The subtle ones seductively promote doubt. The direct ones rejoice in our inadequacies. Yet, You promise strength for this journey. Lord, keep us in that promise. Free us to hear Your word that we do not walk alone or in our own strength, but in the strength of Your gracious love. May we know Your presence with us on this journey and experience the care and peace that You alone can provide. Bless us, we pray, as we offer our worship this day in spirit and in truth. We gather and pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

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### ✠ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✠

ANTHEM (10:30)      *The Old Rugged Cross*      Patti Drennan  
Chancel Choir, directed by Karen Maxwell

THE EPISTLE LESSON (NT, PG 187)      Philippians 3: 13-4: 1

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)      Rev. Cynthia Anderson  
All children are welcome to participate in choir or children's church activities following the Children's Message (details on back cover).

(Additional seating may occur at this time.)

CALL TO PRAYER; SILENT PRAYER; MORNING PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)      See Insert

\* HYMN #529      *How Firm a Foundation*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON (NT, PG 72)      Luke 13: 31-35

### THE SERMON What About Sin?: "When Threats Come"

Rev. James M. Wilson

"He said to them 'Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work...'"

Luke 13: 32

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### ✠ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD ✠

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #882 APOSTLES' CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

\* GLORIA PATRI      HYMN #70 - Meineke  
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.

CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY      Old 100th  
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.

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\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we hear the call to bring our gifts in gratitude for the blessings Your grace has showered upon us. If our reasons for giving are less than that, free us to be reminded and renewed that we may give with joyful and thankful hearts. Bless both gift and giver, we pray O God, and let both serve Your reconciling and transforming purpose in our world. In the Name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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### ✠ SENDING FORTH TO WITNESS ✠

\* HYMN #128      *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

\* BENEDICTION  
*Go to walk as faithful disciples of Christ Jesus!*  
**We go to follow him wherever he leads us!**  
*Go knowing that his love will provide all you need to be faithful!*  
**We go in joy and gratitude for his gracious provision!**  
*Go in peace, and may the peace of Christ be with you!*  
**And with you! Amen!**

POSTLUDE

*Today's Floral Arrangement* is given by Bob and Julia Hooper in honor of their fabulous daughter Katharine's 20th birthday which was Saturday, February 27th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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