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**Sunday Worship Service – Second Sunday in Lent**

March 16, 2025 10:30am

*The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.  
John 3:14-15*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG #SPW 186**

“We Are an Offering”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One thing I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in God’s temple. Sisters and brothers, God is good, and his love and mercy greets us here.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant that we who know your salvation may walk always in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us. Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us worship with open hearts this day. **Amen.**

**HYMN #482**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. **Amen.**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance. Thanks be to God!

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

“Glory Be to the Father”

**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.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Lord, open your Word by your Holy Spirit, so that we, like Abraham, may believe your promises to us.  
Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 15:1-18

**ANTHEM**

"In This Very Room"  
SLUC Choir

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 13:31-35

**SERMON**

"Fox in the Hen House"  
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

**HYMN #84**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

**OFFERING**

**HYMN #428 (Verse 1)**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN #307**

"Fight the Good Fight"

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**HYMN #593 (Doxology)**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

**POSTLUDE**