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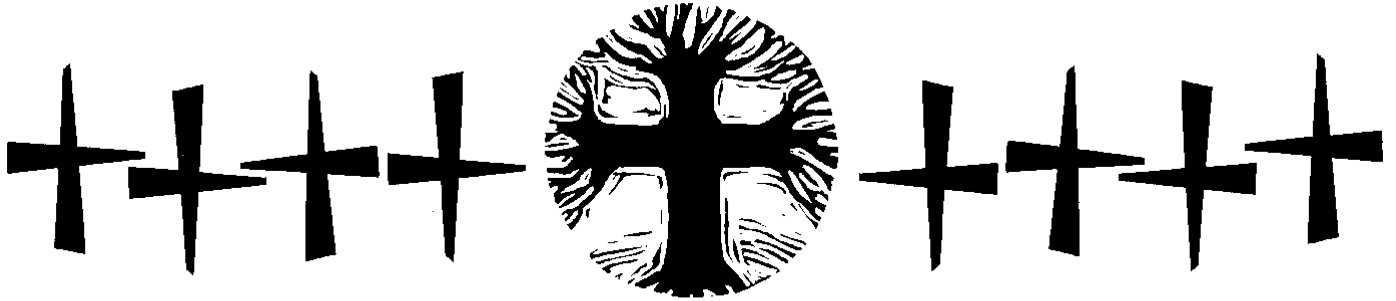
Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 16, 2025   3:00 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE
Partita on ST DENIO   F. Ashdown

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

LENTEN KYRIE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise   ST. DENIO

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Great Source of all glo - ry and wis - dom and light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes;
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but nought chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dour of light hid - eth thee.

*INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,
  as we forgive those who trespass against us.
  And lead us not into temptation,
  but deliver us from evil.
  For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
  and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
  Dear God,
  We confess our unfaithfulness and our apathy.
  Help us to take action when we are able,
  and accept your goodness and grace to us.
  May our faith be strengthened as we grow
  in wisdom and compassion.
  May the recognition of the brokenness of our world
  grow in us kindness and generosity
  and loving action.

  We thank you for inviting us to this work
  of re-creation. Grow your love in our hearts
  so that we may be your hands and feet in this world. Amen.

  (Silence for personal confession and reflection)

RESPONSIVE KYRIE
Kyrie Eleison (sing 3x)   arr. C. T. Andrew

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM and CHORAL RESPONSE
Psalm 27   Read from the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

ANTHEM
Gentle Voice   Dengler/Dengler

LITANY
One: God, we give our brokenness to you.
Many: We surrender.
One: Fill our hearts with your goodness.
Many: We receive.
One: Help us to take up our crosses and follow you.
All: Lord, we will follow.

*HYMN OF PEACE
We Sing to You, O God   CAMANO

Text: Gracia Grindal (1943–). © 1990 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.
Music: Richard Proulx (1937–). © 1980 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

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CAMANO

Unison

1 We sing to you, O God, the rock who gave us
2 We wan-dered far from home out in a des-ert
3 You bear us through the world, an ea-gle to her
4 O God, e-ter-nal God, we hide with-in your

birth; let our re-joic-ing sing your name in
land; you shield-ed with your love our fear-ful
young, who ris-es on her wings and bears us
wings, the ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our

all the earth. To you, O God, let songs be
pil - grim band. You kept us safe with - in your
toward the sun. We ride the vaults of light and
prais - es ring. Your word is true, your way is

raised in joy - ful hymns, our feast of praise.
arms and shel - tered us a - gainst the storm.
air and trust in your un - fail - ing care.
just, you are the God in whom we trust.

Text: Latin (*Jesu dulcis memoria*, 12th cent.); tr. Edward Caswall (1814–1878), alt.   CM
Music: Gordon Archbold Slater (1896–1979). © Oxford University Press.   ST. BOTOLPH

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee   Sing to the tune, ST. AGNES

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee, with
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor
3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart, O
4 But what to those who find? Ah, this nor
5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou, as

sweet - ness fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy
can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than
joy of all the meek; to those who ask, how
tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,
thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
Je - sus' name, the Sav - iour of us all.
kind thou art, how good to those who seek!
what it is none but his lov - ers know.
glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

SECOND READING
  Luke 13:31-35   Read from the NRSV Bible
  Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON   Kathy Brown

  (Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
  Offertory
  Fantasia No. 1 in E flat Major, Largo   G. P. Telemann
         (transcribed for viola)
  Savannah Seibel, Viola

*New Doxology   Marco Arida
Let's praise God for each good thing.
All creation, shout and sing!
Praise three Persons, yet one Love:
Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.
*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy   Sing to the tune, STUTTGART

Text: Frederick William Faber (1814–1863), alt.   87 87
Music: Melody Johann Ludwig Steiner (1688–1761).   GOTT WILL'S MACHEN

1 There's a   wide - ness   in   God's mer - cy   like   the
2 There is   no   place   where earth's sor - rows are   more
3 There is   plen - ti - ful   re - demp - tion   in   the
4 Fool - ish hearts, why   will you   scat - ter   like   a
5 For   the   love   of   God   is   broad - er   than the

wide - ness of the sea; there's a kind - ness
felt than up in heaven; there is no place
blood that has been shed; there is joy for
crowd of fright - ened sheep? Faint - ing souls, why
mea - sure of our mind, and the heart of

in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judge - ment given.
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
will you wan - der from a love so true and deep?
the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY
Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Choral Benediction
  Wait for the Lord   Taizé Community

*The Sending of the Community
*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE
Praeludium and Fugue in E Minor   N. Bruhns

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Writing & Leading Prayers - Norah Shippitt;
Prayers of the People - Gordon Dinwoodie;
Scripture Readers - Ken Badley, Nick Bargeman;
Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Rev. Jeremy Keay, Minister of Youth, Young Adults, Outreach
Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families
Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music
Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday afternoon to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council