

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

Romans speaks of rebirth and new life. Both are required to enter God's kingdom. Rebirth occurs as one is baptized, receiving God's Spirit. New life is received through the gift of God's Son. It is time to put the old order aside in order that God's will may be known. Baptism and repentance remain points of departure for life lived in faith.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

"A Pastorale Prelude" (Phil Lehenbauer)

Invocation

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit.

People: Truly I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen.

Leader: Everyone who believes in the Son of God may not perish but have eternal life.

People: God sent not the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him,

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #645

*Prayer of Confession: You call us to become pilgrims, to follow you in a journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But you promise that you will be with us and that our needs will be met. We cling to our possessions, trusting in them for security. You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in your will. O God, your way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

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Dedication

Reading of the Word: Romans 4:1-5

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*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "El Shaddai" (by Michael Card)
sung by Sandy Smith

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response

"I Love You, Lord" #627

Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

* Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" #630

Preaching of the Word: "Belief in God"

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration

"How Great Thou Art" #625

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Dale Wood)

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Congregation will stand if able

Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!

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