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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



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- LITURGY WRITTEN REV. SUSAN BLAIN
- **PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.**
- **\*PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.**
- **NCH IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: **“Open Our Eyes with Be Thou My Vision” Hayes**

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 27)

One: God is my light, my hope, my all in all:  
whom shall I fear?

**All: God is the stronghold of my life:  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of God: let me live in the shelter  
of you, in the beauty of your realm, in the wonder  
of your house.

**All: We seek your face, God! Do not turn aside!**

One: Teach us your way, God, show us your path  
through all that life brings.

**All: We shall see the blessing of God:  
come, Holy Spirit!**

\*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 193**

**“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**God, we are too well aware that life brings us pains,  
doubts, uncertainties. We remember that Abram was  
filled with questioning, the early church surrounded by  
threats, Jesus himself confronted with fearful powers.**

**In the midst of that awareness, we call upon you,  
our everlasting refuge. Come, Holy One; come, Spirit of  
Life. Come into this holy place and this holy hour, and  
fill us again with assurance of your grace. We ask it in  
Jesus' name, Amen.**

**\*GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Lay Liturgist**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 27 Page 637**

**EPISTLE READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Lay Liturgist**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SERMON:**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 423**

**"Great Is Your Faithfulness"**

**PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with a time for silent  
personal prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your  
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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 772**

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,  
God alone fills us.**

**OFFERTORY: "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas**

**\*DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**God of all goodness, we thank you for your blessings: more numerous than the stars; more bountiful than the greatest of harvests; more steady than the beat of our hearts.**

**Here we dedicate our gifts and rededicate ourselves to your vision of hope and wholeness. May all that we do and all that we give be pleasing to you, and a testimony to your loving purposes.**

**We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 455 "I am Yours, O Lord"**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Three-fold Amen**

**Amen, Amen, Amen**

**\*POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Wilson**