

# Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Dear God, thank you for allowing us to confess our doubts and unbelief to you,  
trusting in your presence with us. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Cindy Ratliff

\*INTROIT #720

*"Jesus Calls Us" (v.1)*

Alexander, 1852

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.

*Thanks be to God.*

\*HYMN #720

*"Jesus Calls Us" (v.2-4)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sin and repent, first silently and then, with our Unison Prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Let us pray together...Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*Thanks be to God.*

\*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

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## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

Bibles, p.12/LG. p.15

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #49

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

Olivers, 1770

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:31-38

Bibles, p.41/LG. p.53

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"A New Beginning"*

Rev. Dr. Jack Albright

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*God has created man in a personal relation with himself that man may respond to the love of the Creator. He has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. He has endowed man with capacities to make the world serve his needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Man is free to seek his life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. This, we believe.*

*—The Confession of 1967 9.17*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### *Sending*

\*HYMN #838

*“Standing on the Promises” (v.1-3)*

Carter, 1886

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #838

*“Standing on the Promises” (v.4)*

POSTLUDE

Selected

(\* ) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

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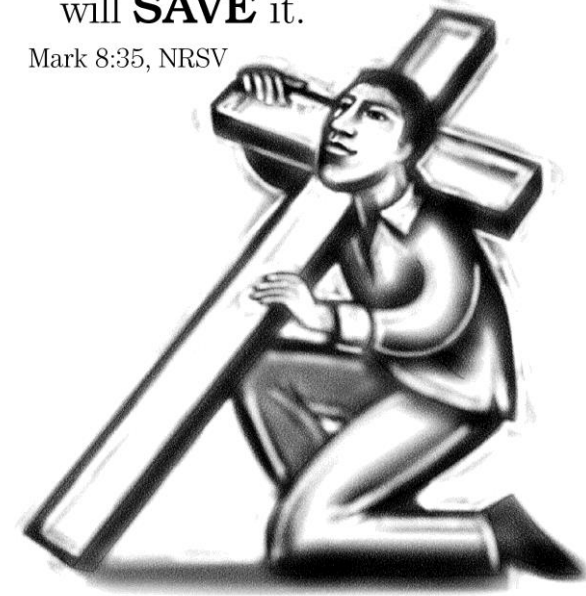
**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mon. 02/26	Presbyterian Women Meeting	11:30am
Mon. 02/26	Pipeline Deadline	
Sun. 03/04	Third Sunday in Lent	

Those who want to **SAVE** their life will **lose** it, and those who **lose** their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will **SAVE** it.

Mark 8:35, NRSV



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