

**Lent II**  
**Order of Worship**

Prelude: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" . . . . arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
..... Dan Chien, Organist

***Welcome!** The season of Lent focuses on commitment and sacrifice, both represented in the cross. May we be reminded of what Jesus went through and the challenge he offers as a call for us to follow.*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 22:23a, 27-28, NIV)  
..... Rev. Richard Dykstra

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

You who fear the Lord,

**Praise the Lord!**

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,  
**for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.**

**Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Approach

*Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.*

Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise"

Announcements

Call to Confession

Lent is a journey of deepening reflection and renewal, an opportunity to make new commitments in faith.

We prepare for the journey by setting aside burdens that would weigh us down.

Let us turn to God and confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness .....(silent prayer).** Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison: ***Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.***

The Assurance of Pardon

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38. . . . . Carol Ann Dykstra, Reader

Sermon: "What Does Jesus Expect of Us?"

Offertory: "There Is a Redeemer" . . . . . arr. Jack Schrader

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "Be Still, My Soul"

Benediction

Postlude: "Lead Me to Calvary" . . . . arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad