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Order of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC — “Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord” — Richard Warner

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE — Fantasia in G Minor — Johann Pachelbel

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On the night before his death, Jesus knelt with a towel and basin.

People: **The Lord of all became a servant of all.**

Leader: He washed his disciples' feet.

People: **He calls us to receive his grace and follow his example.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Servant King.

People: **We come with humble hearts.**

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #301 — “Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)” (8:30 vv. 1, 3, and 5)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have resisted your way of servanthood. We have wanted to lead without serving, to be honored without humbling ourselves, to receive without giving. Like Peter, we have said “never” when you called us to kneel. We have judged work as beneath us and people as unworthy of our care. Forgive us for clinging to our position when you call us to service. Wash us with your grace and give us courage to follow Jesus' example—to serve sacrificially, to love unconditionally, and to lead with humility. Through Christ our Lord, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We do not sing the Gloria during Lent.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — John 13:1-11 — pg. 107 in NT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — John 13:12-17 — pg. 107 in NT

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE — “When Leaders Kneel”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #202 — “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (8:30 vv. 1 and 3)**

OFFERING

Offertory — “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” — Dale Wood

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***Doxology — #675 (verse 4)**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION ANTHEM — “What Feast Will You Bring?” — Charles McCartha

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COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #727 — “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” (8:30 vv. 1, 3, and 5)**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION — “Amen” — Gordon McQuere

With Permission

POSTLUDE — Ricercar in C minor — Johann Pachelbel

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Pastors:

The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill Nichols, *Pastor*

Patrick Yancey, *Commissioned Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*

Liturgist:

Evan Roberts (8:30)

Julie Lady (10:30)

Music Staff:

Dr. Kevin Kellim, *Director of Music*

Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans, *Organist*

Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith, *Assistant Organist*

Norma Pettijohn, *Organist Emeritus*

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