

Worship on the Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024

Dr. Clifford Anderson, Guest Preacher
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude "The Swan" Camille Saint-Saens

Welcome Dr. Anderson

Call to Worship Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For God did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

God is the source of my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who revere him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your heart live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve God; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 116 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, your love is everlasting. We confess that sometimes we say careless words that harm others rather than speaking with kindness. Forgive us. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us to live in the way of peace. By your Spirit, help us to work for reconciliation in our home and our community. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 17:1-16

New Testament Mark 8:31-38

Sermon "Prophet and Loss" Dr. Clifford Anderson

Offertory "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" John B. Dykes

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we rejoice in your constant faithfulness! You established your eternal covenant with your people Israel. Through your Son Jesus, you welcomed all who trust you into your extended family. As with Abraham and Sarah, you give us a new name in baptism: a beloved child of God. Empower us by your Spirit to live as generous people. May we serve your purposes in the world. We dedicate our gifts for the mission and ministry of this church, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing Praise and Concerns for Prayer

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "Legend" P. I. Tchaikovsky

Church Calendar

Wednesday, February 28 **Living into Lent Group (Chapter 3)**
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor and online

Sunday, March 3 **Worship with the Lord's Supper**
10:00 a.m. in Union Chapel and via live stream

Wednesday, March 6 **Living into Lent Group (Chapter 4)**
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor and online

Friday, March 8 **Pizza and Games Night**
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. for people of all ages in Fellowship Hall

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