

9:00 a.m.

**Devotional Service**

March 5, 2023

*Welcome to the 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Welcome and Life in the Community

\*Hymn 649      **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**      AMAZING GRACE

\*Trusting in God's Grace

*Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

*Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!*

**People: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"**

*Leader: Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.*

**People: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

*Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;*

**People: Wait for the Lord!** (Psalm 27)

*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)*

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

***Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.***

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Lenten Wreath      **Wait for the Lord** (Hymn 90)      Taizé  
(The second candle on the Lenten Wreath is extinguished for the Second Sunday in Lent)

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Proverbs 11:2 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 560 in the pew Bible.]

Luke 18:9-16 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 76 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation      **Sacred Humility**      Reece Humphreys

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\*At the Presentation      **Doxology** (No. 606)      OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication and Invitation to the Lord's Table

*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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

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

The Lord's Supper  
(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn 726      **Will You Come and Follow Me** (vv. 1, 2, & 4)      KELVINGROVE

\*Blessing

\*Going Out into the World

\*All those who are able, please stand.