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Mid-week Lenten Service

February 25, 2026

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

PRELUDE

Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises.

P: Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;

L: where we have been confused, grant us your guidance;

P: where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;

L: where we have been dead, grant us your life.

ALL: Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing, in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

*HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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OPENING PRAYER

L: O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.

P: Save us, Lord.

L: O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

P: Save us, Lord.

L: O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

P: Save us, Lord.

L: O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints:

P: Save us, Lord.

L: Jesus, Lamb of God,

P: have mercy on us.

L: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

P: have mercy on us.

L: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

P: grant us peace. [SILENT REFLECTION]

L: God of love, as in Jesus Christ, you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the

way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. **ALL: Amen.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Penitential Psalms: **Psalm 6**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

L: God of creation, just as when you spoke to a formless world and gave it beauty from chaos, we ask that your life-giving Spirit would flutter upon the dark waters of our hearts, that we may hear your voice through these scriptures and be made new. **ALL: Amen.**

MEDITATION: “Why Penitential Psalms?”

Rev. Mundell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sin.

ALL: 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 paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Jesus’ name, your sin is forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

HYMN: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L: Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that in the midst of death all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Amen.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

L: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

*Postlude

Psalm 6 Prayer for Recovery from Grave Illness (A Psalm of David)

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger, or discipline me in your wrath.

2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;

O LORD, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.

3 My soul also is struck with terror, while you, O LORD—how long?

4 Turn, O LORD, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.

5 For in death there is no remembrance of you;

in Sheol who can give you praise?

6 I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears;

I drench my couch with my weeping.

7 My eyes waste away because of grief;

they grow weak because of all my foes.

8 Depart from me, all you workers of evil,

for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

9 The LORD has heard my supplication; the LORD accepts my prayer.

10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror;

they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.

*American Folk Tune**John Wyeth, 1812**Robert Robinson, 1758*

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Second Tune

*John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872*REST 8.6.8.8.6.
Frederick C. Maker, 1887

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, For - give our fool - ish ways.
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian sea,
 3. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, Till all our striv - ings cease;
 4. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire Thy cool - ness and thy balm;

Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; In pur - er lives thy
 The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like them, with -
 Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our or - dered
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire: Speak through the earth-quake,

ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 out a word, Rise up and fol - low thee.
 lives con - fess The beau - ty of thy peace.
 wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.