



**Second Sunday of Lent  
Sunday February 25, 2018 -- 10:30 a.m.**

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## The Summons

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

~Ministry Matters

The pathway is just beginning.

**We have encountered the wilderness.**

Now we are moving rapidly toward Jerusalem.

**Along the way we will witness astonishing acts of mercy and justice.**

Lord, be with us on the journey.

**Guide our lives and our steps, we pray. AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN

***"All I Need is You"***

# FWS

## The Service

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

~Ministry Matters

**Lord of presence and power, be with us on this second step of our Lenten journey to the Cross. Help us to make a commitment of our lives, our spirits, our hearts to ministry in your name. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 22:23-31**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

CHILDREN'S HYMN ***"Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"*** (refrain x 2) #3095 W&S

CHILDREN'S TIME

***A Bag Surprise***

HOMILY

***BAM, what is first?***

TIME OF REFLECTION

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

***"The Summons"*** (vs 1,2,5)

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CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

One: Lord, hear our prayer;

**Many: our prayers go up to you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

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**Into the Serving**

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\*CLOSING HYMN

***"Be Thou My Vision"*** (vs 1&2)

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\*BENEDICTION

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Church, we often get it just plain wrong, turned inside out, mistaking evil for good, our comfort for God's will.

**We need some serious intervention and then some rehab.**

**And today, right here,**

**God has started and continued that work in us.**

Jesus is in us.

The God of angel armies surrounds us.

**The Spirit is moving among us, and driving us out of here**

**to continue in and through each of us what the Spirit has started.**

Go in peace and with the intervening power of our Triune God. **AMEN.**

\*POSTLUDE

*We depart the Sanctuary to engage in our Service Projects*

***We welcome you as children of God.***

***We hope in this place you will experience God's love and grace.***

- There is nursery care for children under 5.
- **There are large print hymnals available on the table in the Narthex (ask an usher).**
- The United States flag in our Sanctuary is in honor of those in our congregation who are serving or have served our country. It is also our prayer that our country continually strives to be a just and humane presence in our world. The flag reminds us to do all in our power to insure the rights of all persons.