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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.  
 All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

### Approach

Gathering Song – *“What is the Place”* (see insert)

Presentation of Symbol

\* Hymn VU #389 – *“God is Here”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Faithful God, we gather as your people, longing for your presence. We bring our doubts and fears, trusting that your grace will bring us the peace we lack. May we dwell in your house, where we may abide in your grace and count heaven as our home.**


**We admit that we see the world as a dangerous place full of injustice. We make enemies of those we do not know instead of offering them friendship. We have not done what we could to make safe places where your love prevails. Forgive us. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / the Lord’s Prayer

\* Hymn VU #753 – *“Safe in Your Hands, O God, Who Made Me”*

### The Word

 Scripture Reading – Psalm 27  
 Philippians 3: 17-4:1

**I’m Hungry, Lord; I’m Hungry, Lord;  
 My soul cries out for Thee,  
 The Living Bread, the Water of Life,  
 The One who quickens me.**

Meditation – “The best vantage point to search for life’s meaning.”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “God’s Peace”

### The Response

Announcements

\* Offering / Response (VU #545)

**You nourish us with food, O God,  
 For body and for soul;  
 Our love and service is our thanks,  
 For life that’s free and whole,  
 For life that’s free and whole**

Pastoral Prayer

\* Hymn VU #417 – *“God, as We Rise to Leave”*

\* Benediction / Response

**The Lord lift you up, the Lord take your hand,  
 The Lord lead you forth, and cause you to stand,  
 Secure in God’s word, seeking God’s face,  
 Abounding in love, abiding in grace.**

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