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Second 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 Hymn VU #108 – *“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”*

Open Reflections

Sung Response

**Come, let us follow footsteps on the way.
Prints of the one, who taught us how to pray.
Look to the cross, it is a sign of peace.
Let all the world, with love, its conflict cease.**

Call to Worship

One: We are met in the presence of God

All: And we do not meet alone.

One: With the angels in the highest heaven

All: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: With Abraham and Sarah

All: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: With the saints of every age

All: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: We embark on our own journey of faith

All: God’s Holy name be praised.

One: God makes of us a great people

All: God’s Holy name be praised.

One: We journey in the presence of God.

All: And we do not journey alone.

* Opening Hymn VU #152 – *“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Generous God, you gave us our voices, no two the same.
As you did with Abraham and Sarah, you take and touch our lives
and they can become extraordinary. And in your Church you have
gathered us, in your community of common folk and complainers,
prophets and puzzled people, you have called us and made a
place for us. So let what we say and do here, what we ponder and
decide here, be real for us and honest to you, as you prepare us
for the life of the world in which you are praised. There are**

**many times when we turn away, when our focus becomes so
focused on ourselves that we forget you. You have called us
on a journey, a journey which will change us forever. This is
scary for us. Let us always remember that you have told us
that you will always be with us and so help us find the courage
to move into that unknown, to follow you wherever you may
lead. To live our lives as you desire. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

The Word



Scripture Reading – Genesis 12: 1-4a
Psalm 121 (sung VU #842)
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Meditation – *“An unexpected journey.”*

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – *“Everlasting Love”*

The Response

Announcements

* Offering / Response

**Let the cross be our glory, and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be glory, and the Lord be our song,
‘Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.**

Pastoral Prayer

* Hymn VU #634 – *“To Abraham and Sarah”*

* Benediction / Response

**Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.**

Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister
Luci Toews, Office Administrator
Caitlin Saindon, Liturgist

Laura Steidl, Music Director
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Gina Grant, Custodian

Ushers: Anne Derksen and Jan Carmichael
Greeters: Ron & Beth Kubik