

ORDER OF WORSHIP - FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PRELUDE

Dr. James Humlong

Worthy of Worship
arr. Ron Boud

INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Praise to the Lord
Philip Wade

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God, to call God's holy name.
As far as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are above our ways.
But we come with confidence, because in Christ we are called to be God's people.
Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before God our Maker!

***HYMN 73**

O Worship the King

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Adam Brewer

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

God Who Hears

Eileen Berry, lyrics; Molly Ijames, music

God who dwells in courts of praises, angel song your rightful due;
still you stoop to hear a sinner, bring a broken heart to you.
Hear our cry for full forgiveness, cover us with cleansing grace.
God who hears your children's voices, this our prayer we raise.

God, who fortifies the mountains, towering high above the land.
God who stills the raging waters till they gently brush the sand;
hear our cry for strength, for stillness in the tumult of our days.
God who hears your children's voices, this our prayer we raise.

God, who crowns our years with goodness, God who hears and God who sees; God
whose works command our wonder, God who brings us to our knees,
hear our cry for faith to trust you till upon your face we gaze.
God who hears your children's voices, this our prayer we raise.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
you call us to worship you,
and we are thrilled at the idea of exalting your holy name
with a community of believers in this sacred time and space.
We delight in the mystery of your holy presence
and are amazed that you love us unconditionally.
Yet, the idea of admitting our shortcomings makes us uncomfortable.
Instead, we become easily distracted and our minds wander away
from your holy and forgiving embrace.
Forgive us, O Lord. Wrap us in your arms of love and mercy.
Nudge us with your holy presence and transform us, even as we worship you.

SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God, our Creator, knows us completely
and always stands ready to forgive our sins.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN 141

Children of the Heavenly Father

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Bill Moore

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Praise the Lord, Be Joyful!
W.A. Mozart; arr. Hal Hopson

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Lynn Osborne

1 Chronicles 16: 23-29

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his place.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come before him.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Bishop Al Gwinn

"The Discipline of God-Centered Worship"

*HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Dr. James Humlong

Lord of the Dance
arr. Douglas Wagner

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