



**February 25, 2018 11:15 a.m.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*Gathering Time*

*“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”*  
- Psalm 46:10

As you enter this sacred space, we invite you into a time of Centering Prayer. You may choose a seat in the Chapel, sit at one of the tables in the Meeting Room, or claim a pillow from the window seat and find a comfortable spot on the floor. We encourage you to use the Mandala you received as a means of guided meditation. There are colored pencils on the tables in the Meeting Room and on the communion table. May this practice of contemplative coloring guide you deeper into God’s presence and help you prepare your heart and mind for worship.

As you engage this spiritual discipline, you might reflect on the following questions: What burdens, concerns, expectations, or hopes do I bring with me into this sacred space? What must I leave behind in order to open myself to the Spirit’s movement? What do I seek in this time of worship?

You may continue to color your Mandala throughout the service. When you are ready to offer your Mandala as a visual prayer to God, we invite you to pin it to the cross. Feel free to do so during a song, at the time of offering, or as you depart the Chapel at the end of worship.

*Song #626*

“As the Deer”

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

*Passing the Peace*

*Call to Worship*

We have come to worship the living God.

**We are not here to escape the world.**

We are here to get a new perspective on the world.

We are here to reconsider the world, to discover God’s view of it.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

*Song #411*

“God Is Here Today”

*Opening Prayer*

Gracious God, we pray that we may be mindful of your presence in and around us.

**We give you thanks for the gift of life and the blessings we enjoy.**

Where we have been weak,

**may we be filled with your strength;**

where we have been uncertain,

**may we discover your guidance;**

where we have been anxious,

**may we be assured you will never leave us;**

and where we have been dead,

**may we be infused with new life. Amen.**

*Song #288*

“Spirit of the Living God”

*Scripture Lesson*

Matthew 6:5-8 and Romans 8:26-27

Jeff Argus, Lay Reader

*Response*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Message*

Greg Jones

*Song #473*

“Shepherd Me, O God”

*Offering*

*Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.*

*Prayers of the People*

*Song #471*

**O Lord, hear my prayer.  
O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer.  
O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Song #623*

“I’ve Got Peace like a River”

*Sending*

*Song #549*

“May the Love of the Lord”

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room  
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

## *Come to the Cross: A Lenten Journey*

The center of the Easter story is the cross – the site of Jesus’ suffering and death. During this Lenten journey we invite you to bring your own suffering to the cross of Christ, trusting that the one who triumphs o’er the grave is still at work to heal, to transform, and to give new life. Throughout these forty days, the cross in Rodney Chapel will become a visual prayer, representing our lament, our longing, and our hope.

***We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning.*** Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children’s Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

***Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone’s day.*** The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Mae Robinson, Harry Robinson and Virginia Haycock from Charlie Ingersoll and Dick Jolly.

***Please remember in your prayers*** Elizabeth Uhlinger and Mary Young.

***Children are welcome in worship.*** You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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