



Second Sunday of Lent
Formed, Filled & Sent:
Encountering Jesus in the Gospel, at the Table, and on the Road.

Give to God What is God's
March 3, 2024

GATHERED: INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

*The chime is rung as a call to set aside distractions to find rest in God,
who welcomes us here.*

Prelude

Opening Sentence: Psalm 25:1

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: The world belongs to God

North: *The people belong to God*

South: The community belongs to God

**ALL: EVERYTHING – EVEN THE THINGS WE
THINK ARE OURS – BELONGS TO GOD.**

Leader: We bear God's image in our own faces

North: *We build on God's Word*

South: We are stewards of God's vineyard

ALL: AND ALL OF IT IS PRECIOUS TO GOD.

Opening Prayer*
HYMN *What Is this Place* VT 22
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

FORMED: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel

HYMN *How Clear Is Our Vocation* VT 547
Children's Time
Scripture Reading *Mark 12:1-17* (The Message)
Sermon

FILLED: Encountering Jesus at the Table

HYMN *Prepare a Room for Me* VT 465
Prayer of Confession & Words of Institution
Come to the Table... (with Music for Meditation)

Today, we will pass the bread and the juice through the pews.

Hold the basket of bread/tray of juice for the person next to you as they eat, and then drink. A gluten free option will be available. In keeping with our Anabaptist tradition, we offer those still deciding about baptism (often children and youth) a bunch of grapes and a blessing. However, as this is God's Table and not ours, we invite you to participate as you feel led by the Spirit of the Living Christ, the true host. Grapes and a blessing will be passed to those wishing to receive them. All seeking to know and follow Christ more fully are welcome to participate.

Prayer after Communion

SENT: Encountering Jesus on the Road

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Announcements
HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be* VT 759
Benediction*
Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Photo on front of bulletin: Gogh, Vincent van, 1853-1890. Red Vineyards near Arles, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

***These words for worship written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson.**

Sound: Murray Reimer
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Don Wiens, Russell Goering
Nursery: Glenda Hooper
Pianist: Peggy Stucky

Worship Leader: Delon Martens
Song Leader: Jon Miller
Scripture Reader: Kevin Martin Nisly
Children's Time: Bryan Kehr
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Communion Preparation: Dohn and Jeanette Fast
Communion Servers: Pastor Tonya, Delon Martens, Joretta Martens, Susan Combs, Russell Goering,
Julie Goering, Carol Moore,
Gardell Stucky, Kevin Nisly

Welcome!

We are so glad you are all here!!

*Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
You can also now donate electronically on our website.
Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!*

Mugs for Fellowship Time: please consider claiming one of the free mugs in the Common Grounds room, or bring one from home, for your use on Sunday mornings. This will help us cut down on the cost (and waste) of using disposable cups. Just wash your cup each Sunday and store it in the cupboard! (Remember which is yours!)

TODAY: Fellowship Time after worship & Sunday School @ 11:00

Sunday School classes for all ages

- **CHILDREN (all ages + nursery care):** *Jesus Brings Good News*
- **ADULT CLASS (combined in fellowship hall):**
Lenten Handel's Messiah Study
- **YOUNGER ADULTS CLASS:** meets in the library

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **March 6, 13, 20** WNAF (Wed. Nights at First)
 - 5:30-7:30 Choir rehearsal (in the choir loft)
 - 6:00-7:00 Meal Served (fellowship hall)
 - 7:00-8:00 Adult Program & Children's Activities
- **March 4-6** – MCC Comforter Blitz – Journey Activity Center
- **April 12-13** – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale – state fair grounds

Looking ahead to EASTER (March 31)...

9:00am Easter worship begins in the fellowship hall around tables at **9am for *Easter Morning Prayer*** and communion fellowship as we feast on a ***Breakfast Potluck (bring a dish to share & your own table service).***

10:00am We'll transition to the sanctuary for our regular worship service, including filling the cross with flowers. (There will be no Sunday School that day.)

EASTER LILIES to share on Easter morning may be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. Cost is \$10.00 per lily in a 6" pot with bow. Complete a form (on the table in the foyer) and submit with payment by March 13 in the offering box in the sanctuary.



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