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Settled Pastor & Teacher



Lenten Sermon Series



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

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10:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023

Who Will You Listen To?



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please fill out a blue visitor card.
Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Prelude in B Minor”

César Franck

SEEKING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Listen!

All: There is hope to be found.

One: Listen!

All: God calls you by name.

One: Listen!

All: Love abides. Love abounds.

One: The world is full of chatter, but

All: God is speaking

One: Let us worship.

All: Amen.

¹ Adapted from *Sanctified Arts, Seeking*.

CALL TO CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Holy God, too often we treat Your word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient.

Voice 1: Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications.

Voice 2: In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring Your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen.

All: Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what Your voice sounds like. Drain the interference from our minds and help us turn once again toward You.

One: With earnest hearts we pray. **Amen.**

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One: The compassion of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: God's mercy is new every morning, great is God's faithfulness.

One: Let us believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children are invited to join our Director of Youth and Family Programs, Hannah Daly, for Kids' Church downstairs. Kids' Church meets until 12, with an optional early pick-up at 11.

*HYMN	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	No. 4
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 4:1-11	Marilee Beinema
SERMON		Rev. Amelia Edson
*HYMN	"Take My Life"	No. 609, vs. 1, 5, 6

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	"The Blessing Song" Mark Howison, baritone	Dennis Jernigan
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***DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Rhosymedre”

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Guest Organist:	Matt Emkey
Ushers:	Kathie Sinnett, Chan Sinnett
Liturgist:	Marilee Beinema
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

Special thanks to Matt Emkey who is filling in Jan Stover today.

*Please join us for refreshments provided by the Ministry of
Community Life following the service.*