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COMMUNITY

## Second Week of Lent

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## Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

### \*† Welcome

*The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land*

*How often do the cares and weariness of life drape themselves over the rocks of wealth or prestige or anything else to which we cling, revealing them as shaky, sandy foundations on which to build our lives? God alone is our rock and our salvation."*

P: Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

**C: From the end of the earth I call to you.**

P: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I;

**C: you are my refuge, a strong tower.**

P: Let me abide in your tent forever,

**C: and find refuge under the shelter of your wings.**

P: You, O God, have heard my vows.

**C: I will always sing praises to your name.**

### \*† Gathering Hymn: "Lead Me, Guide Me" TFBF 70 (Verses 1,3)

*1 I am weak, and I need  
Thy strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour;  
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*Refrain:  
Lead me, guide me along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*3 I am lost, if you take your hand from me;  
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;  
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]*

### \*† Greeting

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P: God who created all,  
who bore the cross,  
and who dwells in us,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*† Prayer**

**God of our salvation, you are the rock in whom we take refuge. Hear our cry and make our way safe. Plant our feet on solid ground. Support us with your love shown to us through the cross of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*† Hymn of the day: "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" TFBF 220 (Verses 1,3)**

*1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Refrain:*

*Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]*

*~God's Word ~*

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† **First Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10**

“4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and 5 like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

8 and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

10 Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

\*† **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
with more fervent love for you;  
may our eyes be ever turning  
to behold your cross anew;  
till in glory, parted never  
from the blessed Savior’s side,  
graven in our hearts forever,  
dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

† Reflection: The Reverend Menzi Nkambule, Pastor

Matthew 7:24-27

† Sermon Hymn: "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" TFBB 231 (Verses 1, 3, 4)

*1 Time is filled with swift transition.  
Naught of earth unmoved can stand.  
Build your hopes on things eternal.  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*Refrain:*

*Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.  
Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand.  
Build your hopes on things eternal.  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.*

*3 Covet not this world's vain riches  
That so rapidly decay.  
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures.  
They will never pass away. [Refrain]*

*4 When your journey is completed,  
If to God you have been true,  
Fair and bright the home in Glory  
Your enraptured soul will view. [Refrain]*

\*† Prayers of the People

Beneath the cross of Jesus, we lift up our joys and our sorrows to God.

*A brief silence.*

O Lord, amid the shifting sands of this world,

**be our rock and our foundation.**

In the fears and uncertainties of our lives,

**be our home and our resting place.**

When we lay our sins before you,

**be our comfort and our guide.**

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As we gaze upon the cross of Christ,  
**be our hope and our salvation. Amen**

**\*† Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*† Offering Canticle**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**\*† Offertory Prayer**

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

*~ Meal ~*

**\*† The Great Thanksgiving**

P: *The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

A: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

*C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*Lord, God of power and might.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**\*† Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

**† Holy Communion**

**P: The gifts of God for the people of God.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**† Communion Hymn: "Open Our Eyes, Lord" TFBF 98**

*Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him,  
and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord,  
and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.*

**\*† Post Communion Blessing**

*(After all have returned to their places:)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

**\*† Post Communion Canticle**

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

**\*† Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. C: **Amen.**

**\*† Benediction**

**\*† Sending Hymn: "I Shall Not Be Moved" TFBBF 147 (Verses 1, 3, 4)**

*Refrain:*

*I shall not, I shall not be moved.*

*I shall not, I shall not be moved;*

*Like a tree planted by the water,*

*I shall not be moved, be moved.*

*1 When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved,*

*When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved;*

*Like a tree planted by the water,*

*I shall not be moved, be moved.*

*3 Jesus is our captain, I shall not be moved,*

*Jesus is the captain, I shall not be moved;*

*Like a tree planted by the water,*

*I shall not be moved, be moved.*

*4 Fighting sin and Satan, I shall not be moved,*

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*Fighting sin and Satan, I shall not be moved;  
Like a tree planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved, be moved.*

**\*† Dismissal**

A: Go in peace, led by the cross of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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