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Sunday, February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"And Can It Be"* – arr. Bock

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 103*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits.**

*HYMN *"The God of Abraham Praise"* *No. 488*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Merciful God, we thank You and praise You for Your reconciling grace. We confess that as we gather today we can see the symbol of the cross that You took up for us. Yet Your words to take up our cross and follow scare us. We hesitate over the opportunity to sacrifice even the smaller things for the sake of Your Kingdom when our own kingdom seems to be at risk. Hear our prayers, and forgive our weaknesses, fears, and hesitations. Help us to see that when we pick up our cross, Jesus picks it up with us. In the name of the one who is our greatest opportunity, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Beth Feiler

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Judges 16:4-5 (OT p234)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 14:10-11 (NT p51)*

SERMON **SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MARK** Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
"Opportunity Knocks"

*HYMN *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"* *No. 81*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* – arr. Bock

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*HYMN *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* *No. 420*

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

*POSTLUDE *"Allegro"* - Ormudson

Next Week – Gifts of Women Sunday

Ephesians 4:1-6

Book of Ruth

"Leading In Love"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship
Your Name
Hosanna
We Believe

Prayer & Peace

Special Music: Great Beginnings Preschool children

Children's Message: Beth Feiler
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Sermon **SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MARK** *"Opportunity Knocks"*

*Offering/Closing Song
Mighty to Save

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
