

## LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

### Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17 (p. 6)  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1: 9-15 (p. 867)

### Sermon

\*Hymn "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" 474

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Response "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

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\*Postlude "The Light of the World is Jesus" Arr. Gloria Roe

*\*Please stand if able.*

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

### Our Stewardship Thought:

*The most important act of giving is to first give ourselves  
to the Lord. "... They gave themselves first to the Lord"*

*2 Corinthians 8:5*

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# First Sunday in Lent

## Morning Worship Celebration - February 26, 2012

178 Years of Reaching Up in Faith - Reaching Out in Love

FOR HEARING ASSISTANCE, PLEASE SEE AN USHER.

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**Prayer Requests** Prayer requests are received by writing down prayers on the card found as an insert in this bulletin. These cards are passed down the pew, to the aisle, and collected by the Ushers during the Hymn of Praise. Then, during Time for Meditation and Prayer, these prayers are lifted up by the Congregation.  
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### GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

#### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

#### Welcome to Worship

#### Announcements

**Prelude** "The Church's One Foundation" Arr. Mark Hayes

**\*Hymn** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" verses 1, 2, 4 & 6 111  
(receive prayer requests)

#### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: To you, O God, I lift up my soul.

People: **In you, O God, I place my trust.**

Leader: Make known your paths and lead me in truth.

People: **Your realm is coming. Be present in our midst.**

#### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Faithful Maker of Rainbows, your loving presence is with us now, even as it was with Noah in the days of the flood, and continued with Jesus throughout his trials in the wilderness. Make your paths known to us, that we may walk in your ways and abide in your truth. For it is you who holds our heart, it is for you that we wait. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

#### \*Response of Praise (sung)

Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a  
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#### \*A Time of Greeting

### GIVING GOD PRAISE

#### A Time with Our Children

(Elementary children may leave for Sunday School)

**Anthem** Lift Every Voice and Sing

#### Invitation to the Offering

(Please sign the attendance pad located at the center aisle end of the pew.)

**The Offertory** "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" Arr. Wilda J. Auld

*There's a garden where Jesus is waiting, there's a place that is wondrously fair.*

*For it glows with the light of His presence, 'tis that beautiful garden of prayer.*

**Refrain:** *Oh, the beautiful garden, the garden of prayer, oh, the beautiful garden of prayer.*

*There my Savior awaits, and He opens the gates to the beautiful garden of prayer.*

#### \*Praise Response (Sung)

**Majesty worship His Majesty**

**Unto Jesus, be all glory,**

**honor and praise**

**Majesty, Kingdom authority**

**Flow from His throne,**

**Unto his own, His anthem raise.**

#### \*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**O God, Creator of all that is good, you have been a faithful presence in our lives. You have offered us hope. In response, we offer these gifts, and our lives, that they may speak boldly of your divine presence and hope. In the name of the One who speaks of your coming realm, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This" 183

#### Prayers of the People and Prayer of our Savior

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### Prayer Response (Sung)

**In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied,**

**In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.**