THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
March 16th, 2014 2nd Sunday in Lent
Order of Morning Worship
11:00 am

Prelude and Chimes "Morning Song of Praise" The Bells of Bethel
Welcome and Announcements Irene Elliott

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship (Genesis 12; John 3; I Peter 2)
Leader: As God sent Abram, Sarah and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.
People: God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on our way.
Leader: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, he invites us to become a new creation,
People: calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him.
Leader: Let us worship God.

•Hymn 338 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" (Red Hymnal) HE LEADETH ME

Call to Confession (Romans 4:4-5)
Leader: We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given.
People: Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.
Leader: Let us pray . . .

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know the are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in your church family. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon (John 3:16-17)
Leader: Friends, God is for us, not against us!
People: For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

•Amazing Grace #280 (verses 1 and 2)

•The Peace
Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

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Proclamation of the Word

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

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

Anthem "Our God Is Great" Adult Choir

Sermon "Trust" Rev. Philip W. Sommer

Response to the Word

•Hymn 348 "Faith of Our Fathers!" (Red Hymnal) ST. CATHERINE

Prayers of the People
Thanksgivings
Intercessions
The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts
Offertory
•Doxology (#592)
•Prayer of Dedication

Litany of Farewell (see insert)

•Hymn 371 "Lift High the Cross" (Blue Hymnal) CRUCIFER

•Benediction
•Congregational Response "Behold the Goodness of Our Lord" #241
(Psalm 133)
Behold the goodness or our Lord,
How blest it is to be
A company of God's beloved,
In holy unity.

Postlude

•Those who are able, please stand