

Peace United Church of Christ



Worship Resources for The Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024

Welcome

Opening Hymn **“The Old Rugged Cross”**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

Prayer of Confession

*O God, we are grateful for this time in worship
to unburden our hearts and fill them with your grace.
We are ready to examine our lives,
seeing the places where we have done what we should not,
the places where we failed to do the things we should.
We are ready for your mercy to fill us.
May your steadfast love surround us all along the way.
In Christ we pray. Amen*

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Scripture Reading Psalm 22: 23-31 Mark 8: 31-38

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Song "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

O safe and happy shelter, O refuge tried and sweet,
O trysting place where Heaven's love and Heaven's justice meet!
As to the holy patriarch that wondrous dream was giv'n,
So seems my Savior's cross to me, a ladder up to heav'n.

Benediction & Sending Forth