**Morning Order of Worship**

March 8, 2020—9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Lent

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Worship

 HWC #206 vs. 1, 2—*There Is a Redeemer*

Lent Reading

Song of Response

*Lord I Need You*

APPROACHING THE LORD

Apostles’ Creed (PH page 813)

Song of Response

 *Step By Step*

Congregational Prayer led by Keith Johnston

Offering for the General Fund

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

\*Song of Preparation

 *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord*

Scripture: Nehemiah 6 (page 473)

Message: ***Are You Doing a Great Work?***

Prayer of Application

**CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Distribution of the Bread

 Ministry of Music—*Oh to See the Dawn/Power of the Cross*

Distribution of the Cup

 Ministry of Music—*Lead Me to the Cross*

**LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

 HWC #176 vs. 1, 4—*Lead Me to Calvary*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Ken Van Wyk

Pianist: Amy Wallenburg

Prelude: Heidi Spahr

Readers: Bradley Gerritsma, Steve Gerritsma

Ministry of Music: Noelle Nienhuis, Seneca Wallenburg, Josie Zeinstra,

Payton Zeinstra

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**Morning Message—March 8, 2020**

Rev. Ken Van Wyk

***Are You Doing a Great Work?—***Nehemiah 6

The Tyranny of the Urgent by Charles Hummel

What’s important in your life; are you doing a great work for God?

I. Opposition by Intrigue (1-4)

 A. Problem: Sanballot and others wanted to get Nehemiah out of the city.

 B. Response:

 1. “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down” (3)

 2. Christians may never “retire” from doing a “great work”

 3. Nehemiah’s enemies were persistent

II. Opposition by Slander (5-9)

 A. Problem:

 1. Sanballot tried to discredit Nehemiah by creating a scandal.

 2. Unsealed letter contained three charges:

 B. Response:

 1. Nehemiah repudiated the charges. (8)

 2. Nehemiah prayed for strength – “Now strengthen my hands” (9)

III. Opposition by Treachery (10-14)

 A. Problem: Enemies used their inside connections to attack Nehemiah.

 B. Response:

 1. Nehemiah rejected the proposal for two reasons.

 2. Nehemiah prayed God would deal with his enemies.

IV. Opposition by Subversion (15-19)

 A. Enemies were discouraged: they “lost their self-confidence” (16)

 B. Danger wasn’t over just because the walls were rebuilt.

 C. Story of a Missionary who turned down a job offer

The devil never quits: he uses fear, flattery and falsehood.

As Christians we must remember who we are, to whom we belong and what we must do.

March 8, 2020 2nd Sunday of Lent

**Reader 1:**

God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Imagine the thoughts in Abraham’s mind as he walked up the mountain with the son God had promised, wondering how God could show him a great miracle and then expect him to give it all up. Imagine the joy when the ram appeared in the thicket, and the voice told him to spare his son.

**Voice from in the balcony:**

Isaac spoke up and said to Abraham his father, “Father?” “Yes, my son.” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So Abraham called that place “Jehovah Jireh,” The Lord Will Provide.

**Reader 1:** Father, we believe that you provide, that You always have a ram in the thicket. Even if the ram is your Only Beloved Son. We praise you, our Jehovah Jireh, for being our Provider, the One who makes everything happen. Amen

Today, live in trust, knowing that He will provide for you. Everything you need.  Today, what worry, fear, anxiety can we lay down? We choose to walk in faith, knowing that there is a Ram in the thicket. And His name is Jesus.