



## First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

*Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ*

February 25, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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# Welcome!

Services at 8:00 & 9:30 am • See [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for streaming information

*\*please stand as you are able*

**Pre-service Music**     *“Somebody’s Knockin’ At Your Door”*

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

**Prelude**                     *“Near the Cross”*

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist

Leader: Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

**People: He is the Messiah.**

Leader: What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

**People: He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives in order to save our lives.**

Leader: How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable?

**People: Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.**

Leader: Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.

**All: Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**             *“Come Christian Come To Sing”*   vs. 1,2,3             **#158**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

Ancient of days, bring your future hope into our world. Bring your love into our lives. Bring your presence into our midst. Open our hearts and minds to your message, that we may respond with hope and trust. With our ancestors of old, may we walk in the lineage of faithful discipleship. Amen.

**Anthem***"Take Up Your Cross"*

Choir

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 8:27-38

**Message****Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer****Song of Response**

(8:00)

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

VS 1,2

#451

(9:30)

*"Jesus Messiah"*

Praise Band

**Time of Offering**

(8:00 | 9:30)

*"Mighty Is The Power Of The Cross"*

Praise Band

**\*Doxology***"Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow"*

#95

**\*Offering Prayer**

Liturgist

God of Boundless Goodness: We have come to this place this day to worship you with our songs, with our words, with our gifts, and with our whole hearts. We are reminded that our discipleship decision involves more than what we bring this day to the altar; it calls us to a place where a cross that is ours alone must be picked up and carried. This, more than anything else, is why we need the community of your church. Strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help sisters and brothers carry their crosses as well. In the name of the one who bore his cross for us. Amen.

**\*Closing Music**

(8:00)

*"Lift High The Cross"*

Vs 1,3,4

#159

(9:30)

*"Christ Is Enough"*

Praise Band

**\*Blessing****Postlude***"Living for Jesus"*

Marilyn

## Thank you for joining our services today!

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at [connection@gilbertumc.org](mailto:connection@gilbertumc.org)

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Adriana Hernandez

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Marilyn Harter

TODAY'S LITURGISTS: NATE PEARCE & VALERIE KELLOGG



### FOOD DONATION

FEB 24 & 25 | 9 AM - 6PM

[gilbertaz.gov/FeedingFamilies](http://gilbertaz.gov/FeedingFamilies)



### Cash Donation

Every \$1 you give can provide 5 meals or \$30 worth of food for the hungry in Gilbert. You can make a cash donation to any of the food banks on line at [gilbertaz.gov](http://gilbertaz.gov) /Feeding Families.

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- Applesauce Cups
- Canned Soup or Stew
- Bags of Beans
- Diced Tomatoes/Tomato Sauce
- Bags of Rice
- Flour
- Boxed Meals (Hamburger/Tuna Helper)
- Granola or Snack Bars
- Breakfast Cereals (Healthy Preferred)
- Jelly
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables etc.
- Mac & Cheese Milks, Canned etc.

### PASTORS ARE OUT OF THE OFFICE NEXT WEEK

If you need pastoral assistance please contact the office or the CCMinistry

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