

March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent 10:30 AM

*Those who are able, please stand
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. Be wrapped up in Jesus as we move through the Lenten Season and share the missions and love of Jesus with others.

The flowers on the alter are in memory of Ken Van Alstine, given by the Kevlin Family

March 16, 2025 - Trustee Meeting in Parlor @ 12:00 Noon

March 17, 2025 - Free Lunch - Eat in or Take out 11:00-12:30 w/Nancy Marsh and John Marsh

March 17, 2025 - Food Pantry - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

March 23, 2025 - Administrative Board Meeting @ 12:00 in Fellowship Hall

April 11, 2025 - FROM 3-6 PM TAKE OUT ONLY ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

MUSICAL PRELUDE "The Voice of Jesus" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God's blessings are all around us, in all the families of the earth. When God called your name, God called you to a journey of faith. As human beings created in God's own image, we carry that divine blessing that he has given to each of us. The journey of faith is never easy; but you can be assured that you will not be on this journey alone. Place your faith in Jesus. Our greatest possession, the only possession that we can never lose, is our possession of you, O God. We are God's people. It is God who made us and we are His children now and forever. Through God we are saved and blessed. Amen

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome today to the Second step on our Lenten Journey. We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

People: We journey with Jesus to places unknown. Soon we will arrive in Jerusalem.

Leader: God is with us and will guide us on this journey of faith.

People: Our help comes from God when we ask for it, the one who made heaven and earth. We come today with great hope praying that we will find peace along our journey.

Leader: Come, all who desire blessings! Come all who desire peace and hope.

People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages. From the very beginning God has been with us in Love.

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation! Come all who want Christ to guide you.

People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world. God sent his only son to save each of us. We are ready. We place our faith and trust in Jesus. We ask today for Christ guidance.

All: Let our hearts rejoice in God's kindness and love. AMEN.

GATHERING SONG "Tell me the Stories of Jesus"

UMH 277

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. You have kept your promise to us. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. Help us to strengthen our commitment to live as your true disciples. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray that we will faithfully keep our Lenten promises to you. Amen

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary-If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please fill out a form and give to ushers.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, 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 Breathe on me Breath of God vs 1 UMH 420

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Bow the Knee"

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care—to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation. In these actions and in our giving today, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing to our Church and our Community as well as Your world. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT “God of Grace & God of Glory” UMH 577

SPECIAL PRAYER Prayer for Lent UMH 268

PSALTER READING Psalm 27 UMH 758-759

Affirmation of Faith (Please Stand) Nicene Creed UMH 880

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible) UMH 70

SCRIPTURE Phil 3:17-4:1; Gospel of Luke 13: 31-35

SHARING THE STORY “The Journey to the Cross Begins with Close Encounters”

SENDING SONG “O Jesus I Have Promised” UMH 396

THE SENDING FORTH

As you leave this place, go in the light of Christ, whose love transforms us. The One who sent Jesus Christ, as salvation for all the world, will never desert you. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on, and forevermore. We go now into the world as witnesses of God’s love, light, and power. Go now in peace, bringing the good news of Jesus’ love to all people. Do not be afraid. God is with you. AMEN.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “Heralds of Christ” Pianist Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Prayer List: The family of Tom Estes, Kacey Frederick, Doug Topliff, Linda Macklin, Mike Maczydlowski, Nancy Egan, Mike Frederick’s Mother Ann, Bev Bartlett, Sheila McDonald, Calae Bonfey, Jean Hart, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Portia Robles, Dave & Stacy Winnie, Ivy Patterson, Family of Andrea Russell and for her daughter Zoey and Matt Brezosky.

*** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902***

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

