

Second Sunday in Lent

9:30AM, March 16th, 2025

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PRELUDE "Spirit of the Living God" UMH # 393

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Open your hearts to God's love today.

In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the brightness of God's love.

Don't be afraid. God is with you.

With the Lord's help, we can overcome the darkness.

The Lord is your light and your salvation.

Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet God's love is constant. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH # 577

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. 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. AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

There is a certain winter in our spirits today, O Lord. We feel that the journey on which we have embarked will demand too much of us. There are so many other things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears. It is easy to be like Jerusalem, turning our backs on those whom you send. The world shouts its

solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us for the many times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem, to live, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When God called your name, God called you to a journey of faith. Do not be afraid to look inside to see those things which are holding you back from being who God created you to be. Place your trust in God who is always with you, loving you into wholeness. **Thanks be to God.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

- 31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."
- 32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.'
- 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'
- 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!
- 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

MESSAGE

"Our Lenten Journey: Fear Not"

Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **UMH # 140**
THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH # 895**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH # 95**
*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come to you with hearts open to your grace. In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" **UMH # 396**
*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE "Jesus Calls Us" **UMH # 398**



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* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.