



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 16, 2025

“You tell that fox...”

Strengthening Servanthood



Bullies steal from others with anger and selfishness. Children of God deserve to be heard, believed, affirmed, safe. It can take a multitude to override our fear, to challenge power, to remember what is really true, to seek justice and to stop the harm. The church stands with Jesus in resistance to bullies, until even the vulnerable and marginalized are also heard, believed, affirmed and safe. Lord Jesus Christ we know even in danger, we are not alone. We see your courage. We trust your presence. Guide us. We serve you in gratitude and worship you with our whole lives. Amen

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE

Arioso, J.S. Bach¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:1-3

Leader: God has gathered us together to worship.

People: We have come to worship God.

Leader: Christ has invited us to journey with him, toward Jerusalem.

People: We have come to join the journey.

Leader: The Spirit is moving in and among us as we prepare our hearts.

People: We open our minds and hearts to be transformed by the Spirit.

*HYMN 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim, Hanover²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that because of our fear, we have scattered in many directions. We turn aside from doing your will. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***SONG OF CELEBRATION 727 (vs. 2,3 & 6)**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant,
Servant Song³*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy God, as we come now to the reading of your word, we ask you to illuminate our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. May the light of your word brighten the Lenten path ahead of us as we journey in steps of Christ towards the cross. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

TAIZE CHANT HYMN 820

Nothing Can Trouble, Nada Te Turbe⁴

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 13:31-35

SERMON

The Call to Service

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 298**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission, Abbot's Leigh⁵

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 314 (vs. 5)

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*⁶

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

When Twilight Comes, arr. B. Wenzel⁷

***DEDICATION HYMN 761 (vs. 1)**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*⁸

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to grace.

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

Let us pray. Lord this Lent we join you on the journey of servanthood. We know that you have create us out of the dust of the earth and we are only on this earthly journey for a short time. Help us to make the most of the time and talent you have given to us. Bless us to have lives of meaning and purpose. We choose to serve with gratitude using all that we have and all that we are, even when we are afraid, even when the road is dangerous. We thank you for claiming us in Christ and for never leaving or abandoning us. We dedicate our lives to you. In Jesus name. Amen.

SEALING THE WORD

***HYMN 747**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth, Enviado⁹

***CHARGE**

BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (insert)**

*Make Me a Servant, Make Me a Servant*¹⁰

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Leaders Today:



Leaders: Erin DeMuth & Thatcher Root

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Soloist: Kathy Kamp

Ushers/Greeters: Bob & Betty Bush, Ed Cothroll, Kathy Key (Deacon)

Make Me a Servant

Unison

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in unison. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, Em, D7sus/A, D7sus, D7, and D7sus/A. The lyrics are: "Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek, Lord, let me".

Musical notation for the second system. Chords are indicated above the staff: C/D, D7, C/G, G, Am/G, G, B7, Em, and Em7/D. The lyrics are: "lift up those who are weak; and may the prayer of my".

Musical notation for the third system. Chords are indicated above the staff: Em/C#, Cm6, G/B, D7sus/A, and G/B. The lyrics are: "heart al - ways be: make me a ser - vant, make me a".

Musical notation for the fourth system. Chords are indicated above the staff: Am7/C, G/D, D7sus, D7, C/G, and G. The lyrics are: "ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day."

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS March 16, 2025

March Intergenerational Event NEXT Sunday

Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship on March 23rd to help make and pack sandwiches and other lunch items to deliver to the Beacon day shelter! All ingredients will be provided, and all ages and all levels of lunch prepping skills are welcome. We look forward to seeing you at this great opportunity to serve our community!

It's Rummage Sale Season!

The annual sale will be **Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in fellowship hall. We need help setting up, working the sale, and clean up. **Sign up today in the Narthex** or email Beth Swedeen at bethswedeen@gmail.com We also can use clean, workable donations! (Bring them preferably the week of the sale). Please no appliances, electronics, baby equipment or mattresses. St. Vinny's and the city do not accept these items.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

One Great Hour of Sharing supports disaster relief, programs to prevent hunger & poverty and refugee assistance as well as issues of climate change. The Presbyterian Church continues to work in the Carolinas to clean up after Hurricane Helene even as it has responded to the wildfires in California. The Self-Development of People program advocates for human rights from Chicago to Nepal to New Mexico. Please consider donating to OGHS anytime now through Easter. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Patrick Mullin

Members & Friends: Bob Klassy, Kate Dooley (passing of brother)

Online Giving

Collection plates will be passed around, but if you prefer to donate online, feel free to use this QR Code. Thanks!



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