

*Remember, I am
with you always.
~Mt. 28:20*



**Second Sunday
in Lent
March 1, 2026**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

PRELUDE

Prelude, Op. 28, No. 15, F. Chopin¹

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Blessed are the marginalized, for they are extravagantly welcome in the kingdom of God.

All: Blessed are the humble who work to end the exploitation of the boastful and belligerent.

One: Blessed are the empathetic, for they demonstrate respect in human relationships.

All: Blessed are the inclusive, for they see through the eyes of love.

One: Blessed are those with integrity, for their hearts, minds, words and actions are one.

All: Blessed are those who commit themselves to peace, for they disarm violence.

One: Blessed are those who organize, struggle and sacrifice for freedom and equality, for they bend the moral arc of the universe towards justice.

All: Blessed is the one who came in the name of the Lord to teach us God's ways.

***HYMN 761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service, Beecher²*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: ...Lord Jesus Christ,

All: Have mercy on us.

HYMN 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us, Thaxted³

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; And cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face, so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto every people your saving grace be shown. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing; in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WHERE I FOUND FAITHFULNESS - Prison Ministry, Kate Fletcher

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts, a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:3-16

WHAT TO PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE? (Belonging to God: A First catechism, approved for teaching by the 1998 General Assembly of the PCUSA.)

Question 25. What was Jesus like? When Jesus spoke, he spoke with God's authority. When he acted, he acted with God's power. The people were amazed. He was also gentle and loving. He cared for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for the sheep.

Question 26. What did he do during his life on earth? He called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SERMON

A New Way of Life: Kingdom Come

HYMN 175

*Seek Ye First, Lafferty*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row.*

OFFERTORY

*This Touch of Love, J. Vajda/M. Burkhardt*⁵

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundredth*⁶
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Trio in g minor, J. Rheinberger*⁷

The congregation is invited to come forward and form two lines in the center. The elements are received by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. The bread is gluten free so that all may participate.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION, LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 852

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least, I'll Fly Away*⁸

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger, arr. R. Bonam*⁹

The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.

Leaders Today:

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Juanita Halls

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

The Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Paul & Linda Bishop, Judy Graham, Doug Halls (Deacon)

Communion: Bill Tanke, Gary Stephens, Ann Rowley, Nathan Wilke



WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Cover Artwork

The artist who created this season's portrait is Tracy Kindler, a Presbyterian artist from Nebraska. Find her at prairiehearth.com.

Just Bakery - Here Today Selling Tasty Treats

Don't forget to pick up some of your favorite baked goods and support this great program!

Journal of the Journey

The Worship committee is inviting you to share poetry, prose and pictures for our Easter celebration. Share your unique insights about mission, ministry, scripture, faith and hope. **Please participate in this creative endeavor today!** Take a text from the table outside the MJB lounge and return your contribution by **Sunday, March 8**. Your insights will be your gift to others at church. The final project will be distributed on Easter.

Today & March 8 - Book Study with Ed Cothroll: "The Last Week" by Marcus Borg & John D. Crossan. **Books are free and available on the table outside of the MJB Lounge.** The reading for next week's discussion is chapters 6,7, & 8.

Mister Rogers Movie & Pizza Day March 15

Rev. Fred Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian Minister that shared the message of kindness and acceptance with children and families through the power of television. On March 15 after worship, come and enjoy lunch and the movie "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" starring Tom Hanks as Mister Rogers. All are welcome!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Bill & Sue Bridson, Sally & Vern Forsberg, Bob Klassy
Members & Friends: Ledger Dalton, Bob Goller, Alice Appen

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