

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

Worship 10:30 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

Gather

Prelude

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

arr. Jim West

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

“He Is Lord” (*Renew* #29)

Anonymous

Lighting of the Candles

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus of the temptations, you enter the wilderness of our hungers,
our lust for power, our eagerness to test God:

People: be with us on our journey to Jerusalem, we pray.

Leader: Jesus of hopes, you set aside your glory,
choosing to support us with your scarred hands:

People: hold us in your tender embrace, we pray.

Leader: Jesus of the path to faithfulness, you are broken so we might be healed,
you pour out yourself so we might be drenched in your grace:

**People: As we seek to follow Jesus, may we be led by the Spirit,
even into the uncomfortable choices we make,
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

All: Amen.

****Hymn**

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

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Prepare

Call to Confession

Lenten Candle Extinguishing Liturgy

Pastor: During this time of Lenten preparation, we think of those who turned away from the
light of Jesus.

People: And we remember that we, too, turn away.

Pastor: Today is the second Sunday of the season of Lent. We have embarked on a journey of
faith with each other and with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem.

People: We remember how Jesus challenged and encouraged his disciples to embrace his way of ministry and to respond to God’s call with faith-filled living.

Pastor: As we extinguish the second Lenten candle, we commit ourselves to follow Jesus’ way even though we know that at times we will fall short of Christ-like living.
(2nd candle is extinguished).

Time for Silent Confession

All: As we watch the smoke rise, we give thanks that God’s Spirit is always with us and that God forgives and encourages us to strive to live in right relationship with ourselves, others, and God.

****Congregational Response** *Spirit of the Living God* (Hymn #288)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

****Passing the Peace**

Listen

Children’s Message

Anthem “Give Me Jesus” arr. Jay Rouse

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-13*

Psalm Reflection Video Psalm 27

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11 (CEV)

Pre-Sermon Video “Successful Survival”

Sermon “Come, Follow Me: A Disciple’s Journey Through Lent”
Wilderness Temptations: challenges to our identity as followers of Jesus!

Post-Sermon Video “Lent with Christ in the Desert”

Respond

Hymn “When We Are Tested and Wrestle Alone” (on separate sheet) ANGELS OF HEALING

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“A Lenten Doxology”

Shepherd/Bourgeois

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts, God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

****Lenten Hymn**

“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights” (on separate sheet)

****Benediction**

Choral Response

“Go Now in Peace”

Don Besig/Nancy Price

Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

arr. Jim West

**Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in and for Worship

Preaching Today

Reverend Ronnie Osborn

Liturgist

Carol Virkler

Acolyte

Benji Humfeld

Organist

Jim West

Pianist

Bill Daly

Director of Music

J. West

Audio/Visual Technicians

Delbert Botes, Rob Humfeld, Karen Neely

Greeters

Sarah Blanton & June Young

Ushers

Ted Groshong, Cathy Nelson

Announcements for March 16, 2025

PALM SUNDAY MUSICAL PRESENTATION: All children ages Kindergarten—High School are invited to stay after worship today for a few minutes to meet with choir member Janet Krause to begin work on a special musical presentation for Palm Sunday (April 13).

TRINITY SERVES AT THE WARDROBE ON MARCH 19: Please sign up at the kiosk today to volunteer at The Wardrobe this Wednesday, March 19, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact our Wardrobe Coordinator, Anne Seymour, or the church office.

FORCOLUMBIA 2025 - a community-wide day of service on Saturday, April 26

For more information or to sign up, stop by the Fellowship Hall after church service this Sunday or contact Sue Young.

FIBER FELLOWSHIP: Come and join other needlecrafters on Saturday morning, March 22, 10:00 a.m.- Noon in the lower level Youth Room. Bring your current needlecraft project or start a new one and enjoy this time of fellowship with others. We have a lot of yarn available to use for knitting and crocheting projects.

COMO MOBILE AID COLLECTIVE UNDERWEAR DRIVE: Throughout March, we are collecting new men's boxer briefs in all sizes and women's (bikini-style) underwear for those served by COMO Mobile Aid. Collection bins are in the front lobby.

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER LENTEN STUDY: Our Transitional Pastor, Ronnie Osborn, has prepared Lenten study booklets for the congregation which you will want to pick up today from the table in the lobby. Trinity's session invites you to join in 40 days of praying for Trinity as we learn how to sail with the Spirit and go where God is leading us. **It's never too late to get started!** This Lenten practice will lead us into further discernment after Easter.