

**Order of Worship  
Second Sunday in Lent**

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March 1, 2026

10:30 AM

*Gather*

Prelude                                      “Deliver Me, O Lord” (Libera Me)                                      Gabriel Fauré

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit    “We Are Walking in the Light of the Lord” (*Renew #288*)    Jean A. Greif

*Praise*

Prepare for Call to Worship

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We walk our path to you.

**People: Sometimes we do not see...**

Leader: the roads that we follow and the people we pass.

**People: Sometimes we do not hear...**

Leader: Your voice urging us to lift our gaze and see, open our ears and hear.

**People: Sometimes we miss it all...**

Leader: as we forget to follow you.

**People: Lord God, help us to experience the journey as we walk beside you, for it is in those steps that we are closest to you.**

All:            Amen.

*Prepare*

**\*\*Hymn #167**

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

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Lenten Candle Extinguishing Liturgy

**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.**

Leader: 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: We give thanks for God’s covenant with our ancestors in faith and for the wisdom that we are blessed to be a blessing to others.**

Leader: 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.

*(2<sup>nd</sup> candle is extinguished).*

**Pastor: 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.**

Leader: Knowing ourselves to be loved and blessed, we raise our voices in song – a prayer to you, O God.

\*\*Congregational Response “Tree of Life”

*In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true;  
may we live and die confessing, Christ as Lord of all we do, Christ as Lord of all we do.*

\*\*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you — *And also with you.*

***Listen***

The Baptism of Amelia Mae Schondelmeyer

Anthem

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Prayer of Illumination

**Let us prepare our hearts to draw closer to God in God’s Word: God of promise and blessing, we give thanks that we do not travel alone on this journey of faith. We are grateful for the wisdom of our ancestors in faith and for the wisdom and witness of our community of faith today. Guide our steps that we may follow Jesus and seek to emulate his ministry of compassionate service. We are listening for your word; remind us of your constant presence as we walk together, this day and in the days to come. Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> Lenten Reading

*Deuteronomy 32:1-10 (NRSV)*

Psalm Reflection Video

*Psalm 121*

Lenten Reading

*Deuteronomy 32:44-52 (NRSV)*

Sermon

“ARE WE THERE YET? It’s Not the Destination; It’s the Journey”

***Respond***

Hymn (insert)

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

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Offering

Prayer of Dedication

\*\*Doxology

**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.**

Pastoral Prayer 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.**

Choral Benediction

Benediction

Postlude            “Choral Prelude on *Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott Lässt Walten*”            J. S. Bach

\*\*Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

### *Leaders in and for Worship Today*

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Marianne Fues
Organist/Pianist	Rev. Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Larry Holder, Rob Humfeld, Karen Neely
Greeter	Linda Harlan
Ushers	Sarah Blanton, Odell Newkirk
Childcare Volunteers	Luann Griffith

### Announcements

**FROM THE ORGANIST:** The prelude is a transcription of the baritone solo from *The Requiem*. Lani Smith did the transcription. Bach included this chorale prelude in the book titled *The Liturgical Year*, or *Orgelbuchlein*. Hymn #816, *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee in Glory to God* is based on this Chorale.

**AFTER-WORSHIP REFRESHMENTS:** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today for special refreshments today in celebration of Amelia Schondelmeyer's baptism.

**CHILDCARE DURING WORSHIP:** Two caregivers are needed each Sunday morning to provide childcare after the Children's Message for our youngest children. Please consider helping and use the link sent out in the Friday email to sign up. If you have any questions, please speak to Christian Education Chair Cathy Stubbs.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR COLLECTION FOR RUSSELL ELEMENTARY:** Our Mission and Outreach Committee is asking for your help in providing the staff at Russell with some much-needed winter hygiene items: fragrance-free tissues, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. With influenza cases especially high this year, the teachers and staff will especially appreciate having these items in their classrooms and offices. A collection box will be in the lobby through Sunday, March 22.

**LOAVES AND FISHES:** Trinity serves the evening meal at the Ashley St. Center on Thursday evening, March 12. Please sign up to provide food and/or to serve by using the sign-up link sent out in last Friday's

email. If you have any questions, please contact our Loaves & Fishes Coordinators Bob and Susan Winkelmann.

**Committee Meetings and Church Activities This Week:**

- Monday: 7:00 p.m. via Zoom – Fellowship Committee  
7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room – Pastor Nominating Committee
- Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Evening Circle
- Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. in Room 12 – Afternoon Circle  
7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room – Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday: 7:00 p.m. via Zoom – Worship Committee
- Friday: 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Mahjong Small Group