



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

10:00 am

**indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.*

Bold indicates congregational response.

Liturgist for today is Traci McCoy.

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PERSONAL MEDITATION TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 121)*

I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

**My help comes from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth.**

The Lord will protect you from all evil;

God will protect your very life.

**The Lord will protect you on your
journeys—whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.**

THE TENEBRAE

*For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
that whoever believes in him should have everlasting
life.*

The church is called to be a home,

**a place of refuge for seekers, doubters, and the
weary.**

*We confess that too often the church has been unsafe—
for questions, for difference, for pain.*

When community becomes exclusion—

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

(Silence)

Let us pray together.

**Loving God, as we journey through this holy
season of Lent, give us strength and courage to
make the changes that are needed in our lives.
Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast
presence, and help us to put our trust in you.
Amen.**

Song: (Chimes play through several times first)

**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.**

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when you come into your kingdom.**

NEW TESTAMENT – Romans 4:1-5

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes”

GOSPEL - John 3:1-17

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

*“For the Sake of the World: The Great Ends of the Church”
The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*... Therefore, we join our voices with those of every time
and place, and with all creation we sing your praise, saying,
**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest.***

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*... we declare the mystery of faith,
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come
again.***

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.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on, help us to share your grace with others, and draw us ever closer to you. Amen.

HYMN - *"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"* 274

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

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**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Great Ends of the Church (Lenten sermon series)

(Book of Order, F-1.0304)

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind (2/22)
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God (3/1)
- The maintenance of divine worship (3/8)
- The preservation of the truth (3/15)
- The promotion of social righteousness (3/22)
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world (3/29)