

Second Sunday in Lent
Theme: Rise Up

Sunday, March 16, 2025



“One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in God’s holy temple.” Psalm 27:4

GATHERING

Prelude: “Nearer My God to Thee” L. Mason, arr. C. Berry

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, when we are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do we say?

People: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

Leader: When threats bombard us from every corner, stealing the security and peace we long for, what do we say?

People: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm us, and we struggle to know who or what to trust, what do we say?

People: Let us wait for the Lord; be strong, and let our hearts take courage. Indeed, we wait for the Lord!

Leader: God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come with family and friend, neighbor and stranger alike.

People: Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and shelters us under a protective and loving wing.

Hymn: #829 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (with Bell Choir)

*Prayer of the Day and For All People

Leader: Loving God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

People: We pray for those in our community who are bombarded with troubles, surrounded on all sides by threats to their well-being, their livelihood, and their thriving. God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

Leader: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; our Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

People: We pray for those in our community who long for peace, those who are burnt out, shut out, and ready to hide out because it all feels like too much. God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

Leader: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; our Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

People: We pray for those in our world who can’t remember what safety feels like, who, after years of violence and unrest, cannot imagine what a day, a week, a year without fighting would feel like. God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

Leader: God, teach us to be your sanctuary in the world. Give us the courage to make peace, extend care, and provide for the thriving of all who wonder how they will even survive. Help us be their shelter in the time of storm.

ALL: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; our Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Bell Choir
Ancient Irish Tune, arr. A. L. Page

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Our citizenship is in heaven
Luke 13:31-35 A hen gathering her brood

Sermon: “Redeeming Evil”

Hymn: #440 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, as we walk through this holy season, we bring to you our open hearts. In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us. Use our offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ's name, we pray. "Our Father, who art in heaven . . . (using debts and debtors) . . . AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #816 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Beloved, you—you—who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty— find in God your refuge and fortress.

People: We go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters us and rescues us, that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another. AMEN

Postlude:

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"
Southern Harmony, arr. T. R. Thornton

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Family this week: Mark & Barbara Andrews

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