

Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025
10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
There's a Place for You Here



GATHERING TOGETHER

For Today

The gospel text this week speaks of multilayered violence that echoes the violence of the world we currently inhabit. Worship can be an opportunity to ask how we can provide sanctuary for others in our broken world. It is a chance to practice compassion rather than division; acceptance rather than judgment.

*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Prelude "Largo"

George Frederic Handel

Welcome

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!

ALL voices: I am here!

Graceful Engagement

*Opening Chorus "Cry of My Heart" *refrain only*

FWS 2165

*Call to Worship

Siblings in Christ, our faith assures us that truth sets us free.

Our faith assures us that love casts out fear.

We do not shy away from facing the realities of our time.

We are present in honesty and courage.

We will not deny evil's existence and consequences.

Systems of domination are stealing the breath of life.

*Hymn "Cry of My Heart" vs. 1, R, 2, R

FWS 2165

*Unison Prayer

Emboldening One, we pray for courage. We pray for moral clarity. We pray to practice love that does not abandon our neighbors even if threats arise, when risk abounds, and when good outcomes are not guaranteed. May we love anyway. As Jesus taught us, all the way to the cross. All the way to resurrection. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And, Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**

Children's Time in the Wesley Room

ALL children are invited to join together just outside the Sanctuary.

Scripture Reading Focus text: Luke 13:31-35 MSG

Response

This is the Word of God for ALL of us, God's people.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Repenting from Systemic Violence"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Response Song "We're ALL On The Way" vs. R, 1, 2, R by Jacob Nault
(see bulletin insert)

Shared Community Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer "We're ALL On the Way" vs. 3, R by Jacob Nault
(see bulletin insert)

Pastoral Prayer for the Cares of the People

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

*Invitation to Giving Action

In acknowledgement of the power God granted us, let us gather what we have. While systems of violence dole out racism and greed, violence and exploitation, we choose generosity. We choose interdependence. We choose each other. Come, and bring your offerings and share a moment of hospitality and greeting saying:

One: The peace of Christ be with you! **ALL: And, also with you!**

*Lenten Doxology

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**Praise the Source who gives us life.
Praise to Christ, who shares our strife.
Praise the Spirit, who sustains,
bearing us through grief and pain,
to the holy Trinity glory, praise, and honor be.**

*Blessing Prayer

God of Justice and Truth, generation after generation, systems of violence call us into complicity. Without change, we know these systems will lead life and land to demise. Make us faithful disruptors. Holy agitators. Champions of accountability. That we may break destructive patterns and crack open possibilities for new life, near and far. Amen.

*Responsive Sending Forth

**Unwavering in confronting evil
Unceasing in dreaming of better ways
Unwilling to sacrifice our neighbors for the profit of some
Uninterested in covering over the sins of systems, past and present:
May we go, in confidence.**

*Our Charge

We go, in confidence!

*Final Blessing *Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"*

*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs. 1, 2

UMH 577

*Postlude "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

by Charles H. Gabriel

Notes:

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Lectionary readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 *"The covenant with Abram"*; Psalm 27 *"The Lord shall keep me safe"*; Philippians 3:17-4:1 *"Our citizenship is in heaven"*; Luke 13:31-35 *"A hen gathering her brood"*

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

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