

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00AM - MARCH 1, 2026

Gathering, Prelude, My Faith Looks Up to Thee **452**

Welcome & Announcements -

Please review "The Bugle 'n Brief".

Saturday - Men's Fellowship, 8a, at Panera

8th - 2am - Begin Daylight Savings Time

3pm - Choral Arts Society,

Mad about Mozart, at Hood College

15th - UMCOR Sunday



Call to Worship

Ps 121

We lift our eyes to the hills; from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, the Architect of heaven and earth.

The Lord is our keeper, our shade at our right hand.

**The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Hymn O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! **73**

Prayer for Illumination

from PO Presbyterian Book of Common Worship

Loving God, fountain of every blessing,

open us to your life-giving Word,

and fill us with your Holy Spirit

so that living water may flow through our hearts

— a spring of hope for a thirsty world. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

Prayer of Confession

Ps. 15: 2-4

FotW

God of the Night and the Day, we confess that we prefer
the safety of our own four walls to the movement of your Spirit.

Like Nicodemus, we often hide in the shadows of

"how can these things be?"

rather than stepping into the light of "God so loved the world."

Forgive us for stifling the air of your grace
with our rigid certainties.

Open our windows.

Breathe through our lives once more,
that we might be born from above. Amen

Assurance: from Ps 121

The Lord is our keeper;

who will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is our shade at our right hand.

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Choir Because He Lives **364**

Sermon **Architecture of Grace, part 2
"The Ventilation of the Spirit"**

Hymn You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **629**

Prayers of the People

Intercessions

Bringing our Gifts

PO (from February)

Recognizing God's gracious blessings poured upon us,

we respond with gratitude,

giving of our time, talents and treasure

for the building up of the kin-dom here and now.

Let us consider our gifts given in grateful praise.

Doxology

Prayer

Matt. 5: 1-12

shortened from FotW

**We thank you, God, for your breath, your Spirit
moving through these gifts and our lives.**

May this offering reveal your love

as we seek to share your promised reign

—a world ventilated by grace— with all creation. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

895

Hymn

We Come to This Table Uses tune UMH **131**
Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, See Insert

Dismissal

adapted from PO

We go out from these walls, to be the Church in the world.
We seek to follow the Spirit where the Spirit chooses to blow.
We are partners with Christ in building the kin-dom.
May the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
uplift and uphold you now and forever.

Amen.

Postlude

Swing Low Sweet Chariot

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Lectionary for Next Sunday, March 8

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11

Psalm 95
John 4:5-42

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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Scriptures

Genesis 12: 1–4a Romans 4: 1–5, 13–17
Psalm 121 John 3: 1–17

Questions for Reflection:

Consider a time when you felt uncertain. Can you see how God was at work in your life at that time? What from Abraham and Sarai's story, or from Nicodemus's story, is a help to you as you look for evidence of God's presence in your own life?

Morning Prayer:

Loving God, you have given me the gift of this new day, and you send me out to live it fully and well. Help me to be attentive to your direction and leading. If you should call me to go in some direction, give me courage to try this new thing. If you present me with a mysterious truth or grace, help me to understand, or to seek understanding, with a sense of wonder and faith. Whatever this day may hold, I trust that you will keep me in all my comings and goings. In your Son's name, I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Gracious God, as the evening comes and the light fades, I look for you even in the shadows. Your love and protection stay with me through the night hours, and I rest in your promises. For the day as it has been, I give you thanks. For the gift of rest, I offer a hymn of praise. You love me and the whole world so greatly that you offer us salvation. After a night of rest, bring me into the light of a new day. In gratitude, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Come to This Table

KREMSER 12.11.12.12 ("We Gather Together")

We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.
We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;
We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.

We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,
Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.
The bread and the cup that we share here with others
Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.

We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"
We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.
Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger
To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.

We rise from this table with new dedication
To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,
To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;
We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.

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