

Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025
11:00 AM

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross” arr. Burger

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit

“There is a Balm in Gilead” African American Spiritual

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise***

“Abide with Me” No. 700 (vs. 1, 3, 5)

The Children’s Moments

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

****The Congregational Hymn***

“My Hope Is Built” No. 368 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

****The Apostle’s Creed***

No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Confession, Pardon, and Peace

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The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Burger

****The Doxology***

****The Gospel Lesson***

John 15:1-17

Reader: This is the Word of God. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

****The Gloria Patri***

Special Music

“I Believe He’s Alive” Rowell and Wood
Gary Echols, soloist

The Sermon

“Fruit that Lasts”

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” No. 557 (all verses)

****The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

****The Choral Benediction***

“Soon-a Will Be Done” African American Spiritual

****Postlude***

“Higher Ground” arr. Burger

*The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving honor of
Ruth Alice Echols
and in loving memory of
Richard Echols
by Beth Raines.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Shirley Circle – The Judy Shirley Circle will meet on Monday, March 17th, at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Barbara Bryan, LaDonna Helveston and Linda Drake. We will study Chapter 3 of our new book *Twelve Ordinary Men*.

Women’s Class - We have begun a Women’s Class during the Lenten season starting to study *Give It Up!* - a Lenten study that reflects on all the things that hold our attention, occupy our minds and monopolize our time, yet still isolate us from God and the world around us. The class meets in Room #107 (the Good Shepherd classroom). Gathering time is from 9:45 to 10:00 am with Bible study from 10:00 to 10:30 AM. Come join us.

Men’s Class - A Lenten Men’s class has begun to study “Jesus’ Journey to the Cross.” Any men who are looking for a Sunday School Class are welcome. The class meets in Room #205 at 9:45 AM.

Ferns for Missions - We are selling Ferns again this year for our Lenten Mission project. 10 inch Boston Hanging and Kimberly Queen ferns are available for sale through March 30th. Ferns are \$22 each and pick up will be on Saturday, April 5th from 9:00-10:30 AM. Call the church office to order.

Hydrangeas - The J. B. Cook Class is selling white hydrangeas to adorn our chancel area on Easter. Each hydrangea will sell for \$25. Call the church office to place your order by April 6th. All proceeds will go to the Elevator Fund.

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

03/16/25 at 12:15	Leadership Council	Library
03/23/25 at 12:15	Handyman Crew	Library
03/30/25 at 8:45am	Worship Committee	Library
03/30/25 at 3:00pm	Student Ministries	Library

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Rachel Wood, Music Ministries
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries
Kindal Gammill, Pianist**