



March 16, 2025 – Livestream
Second Sunday of Lent

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save
The Navy Hymn*

North's Winds, John Hague, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the place to submit our burdens and troubles.

People: Come, Spirit of hope, and lift us up.

Leader: This is the hour to surrender our doubts and fears.

People: Come, Spirit of hope, and lift us up.

*OPENING HYMN #2191

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

***Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.***

CAROLERS' ANTHEM (11:00)

Goliath

J. Martin

James Caraher, piano; Denise Page Caraher, director

Goliath was a mighty man, he stood over ten feet high,

Goliath was a mighty man, you never saw him cry.

He laughed at David and David's God. He made fun of old King Saul.

Goliath was a mighty man, but you should have seen him fall. Fee Fi Fo Fum...

Goliath was a mighty man, he was a warrior bold,

Goliath was a mighty man, his temper uncontrolled. *Chorus*

Goliath speaks: Now you've made me mad, You are just a lad,
Birds and beasts will have a feast, prepare to meet your God.

David stood up to Goliath, he didn't even have a sword,
All he had was five round rocks and the power of the Lord,
He put a rock in his old sling shot and when that stone had flown,
It hit Goliath between the eyes and he let out a groan!

Goliath was a mighty man, he stood over ten feet tall,
Goliath was a mighty man, until he lost it all. *Chorus*

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, who is our hiding place from the wind
and our shelter from the storm:
Help us turn from the noise and turbulence of the world
to the quiet and calm of your great assurance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Secure

C. Courtney

A storm is raging Lord. The boat I sail is small and, oh so frail.
The wind is blowing, Lord. I cannot hold the course against the gale.
The lightning strikes on every side, nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.
Your hand alone can hold the tide, Lord, rescue me.

I am sinking, Lord. The boat is taking water, going down.
Part the waters, Lord. I long to plant my feet on solid ground.
Oh, Lord of earth and sky and sea, your hand is reaching out to me.
I know that you have heard my plea. My hope is sure. I am secure.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #766

Psalm 32

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**People: Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
then you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let those who are godly offer prayer to you;

People: at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you encompass me with deliverance.

**People: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Leader: Do not be like an unruly horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,

**People: Many are the pangs of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;

People: shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(11:00) Kelis Barber

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 6:8-19

⁸ But as for Noah, the Lord approved of him. ⁹ These are Noah's descendants. In his generation, Noah was a moral and exemplary man, who walked with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ In God's sight, the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence. ¹² God saw that the earth was corrupt, because all creatures behaved corruptly on the earth. ¹³ God said to Noah, "The end has come for all creatures, since they have filled the earth with violence. I am now about to destroy them along with the earth, ¹⁴ so make a wooden ark. Make the ark with nesting places and cover it inside and out with tar. ¹⁵ This is how you should make it: four hundred fifty feet long, seventy-five feet wide, and forty-five feet high. ¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark and complete it one foot from the top. Put a door in its side. In the hold below, make the second and third decks.

¹⁷ "I am now bringing the floodwaters over the earth to destroy everything under the sky that breathes. Everything on earth is about to take its last breath. ¹⁸ But I will set up my covenant with you. You will go into the ark together with your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives. ¹⁹ From all living things—from all creatures—you are to bring a pair, male and female, into the ark with you to keep them alive."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #512

Stand By Me

*When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.*

*In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.*

*In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.*

*In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
in the midst of persecution, stand by me.
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me.*

*When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Christ comes to us in our dire moments to rescue us from sin and evil.

Therefore, let us confess our sins:

People: O God,

whose love is sturdy and whose mercy is true,

we confess that we have

doubted your goodness,

surrendered to our fears,

shamed victims,

and turned our backs on those in need.

Forgive us and take command of our lives,

so that we may find peace in the storm and hope for tomorrow,

through Jesus Christ, the captain of our souls. Amen.

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Truly, Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jill Moffett

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2127

Kyrie

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lonely the Boat

John Hague, trombone

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #129

*Give to the Winds Thy Fears****Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed.******God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.******Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears thy way;
wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.******Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command;
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.******Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our latest breath thy love and guardian care.***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

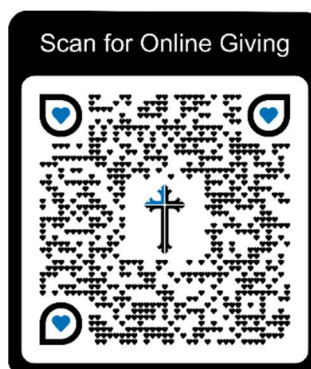
Crashing Waters at Creation

arr. D. Schelat

The River of Life Banner

Today's pulpit banner is called *The River of Life*. The banner depicts water flowing with life providing support for the boat and its cargo. Sometimes passage is safe and sometimes not. A cross made with glass beads is found within the colorful fabric pieces providing protection from harm. An anchor cross is steadying the boat. The River of Life pulpit banner comes from the Doris Douglas banner collection.

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of David G. Owen on the anniversary of his passing, and his birthday next week by Dot Owen and Brett, Jacqueline, Hudson and Camden Miller.



Upcoming Events:

March 16, UWF Pie Sales

March 19, Communion, 7:30am, Chapel

March 18, LGBTQ+ Fellowship, 6:00pm, Garage Food Hall

March 22, Earth Hour Worship, 8:30pm, Chapel

April 4, Pacer Game, 7:00pm

April 6, Children's Earth Day Fun Day Mission

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday, April 13

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 18, 12 noon and 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Services, April 20, 8:30am and 11:00am

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Jill Moffett

Pastor of Community Formation

Brandon Wallace

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