



# THE JOURNEY TO Jerusalem

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Field of Blood  
or Potter's Field

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | *February 18, 2024*

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.*

### RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. John White*

### \*SILENT PROCESSION

### PRELUDE

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. Wood

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*This Little Light of Mine*  
Children's Choir

Harry Dixon Loes

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 25)*

*Rev. John White*

One: We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

**ALL:** *We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.*

One: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

**ALL:** *Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.*

One: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

**ALL:** *Together, let us worship God!*

### \* HYMN OF PRAISE: 634 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on verses from Psalm 25: 1-11)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**ALL:** *(unison) Remember, O Lord, Your unfailing love and compassion which You have shown from times long past. You are grace, forgiveness, and love; forgive our sins. Do not hold them against us. Look instead through the eyes of Your faithful love. For You are a God of mercy and compassion.*

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: The Lord is good and does what is right. God shows the proper path to those who go astray. God leads the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.  
With unfailing love and faithfulness, the Lord guides all those who keep His covenant.  
*ALL: Show us the path we should walk, O Lord; point out the right road for us to follow. Lead us by Your truth, and guide us, for You are the God who saves us. We put our trust in You. Amen*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

**WE ARE FORGIVEN**

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
*ALL: And also with you.*

**THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

*Pie Jesu*  
Chancel Choir

Gilpin

*Pie Jesu,* Merciful Jesus,  
*Qui tollis peccata mundi* who takest away the sins of the world.  
*Dona eis requiem.* Grant them rest.  
*Agnes Dei,* Lamb of God,  
*Dona eis requiem.* Grant them rest.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, Trey Bodiford (by Profession of Faith)**

**HYMN: 486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (stanza 1)**

**KINGDOM**

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Libby Smith*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

**\*HYMN: 166 Lord Who throughout These Forty Days**

**ST. FLAVIAN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 25 (pg. 502-503)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Mark 1:2-13 (pg. 34-35)*

*Rev. John White*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

*ALL: Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*) Rev. Courtney Bowen  
*We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

## OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

## OFFERTORY

*Prelude on a Welsh Tune*

Young

Dr. Terry McRoberts

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. Courtney Bowen

## SENDING

\*HYMN: 215 *What Wondrous Love is This?*

WONDROUS LOVE

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. John White

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Jesus, Remember Me*

Berthier

Chancel Choir

*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

## POSTLUDE

*A Trumpet Fanfare*

Martin

Dr. Terry McRoberts