

## Prayer Concerns

*Condolences to the family of Nadine Brooke, mother of Danielle (and Jeremy) Walsh on her passing	*Condolences to the family of Bob Wise, Alice Walsh's uncle, on his passing
*Condolences to the family of Jan Praedel, on her passing	*Condolences to the family of Joan Phillips, on her passing
*Joanne Hendrick, Natalie Walsh's aunt	*Jean Scothon's sister, Holly
*John Solt	

\*=1 week   °=2 weeks   `=3 weeks   ^=4 weeks on prayer list

## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

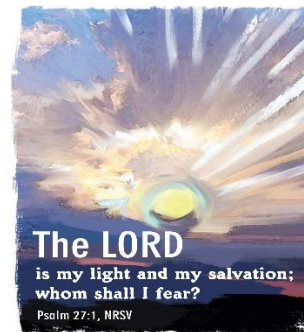
3/17 Kristin Hipple                      3/20 Deb Chermonte  
3/19 Liam Benko                         3/21 Wendy Cooper

## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm  
Liturgist: Bev Hixon  
Organist: Javier Gonzalez  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Greeters: Barb Andrews, Greg Lavelle  
Usher: Sarah Jackson  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm, Pastor

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025 10:30 am

### Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

P: And also with you.

### Celebration of Ministries and Missions

*Prelude*

*Out of the Depths*

Johann Kuhnau

### \*Call to Worship

Bev Hixon

L: Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

**P: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?**

L: When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

**P: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**

L: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

**P: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

L: Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

**P: Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.**

**\*Responsive Unison Prayer**

L: Loving God, we pray for those in our community who are bombarded with troubles, surrounded on all sides by threats to their well-being, their livelihood, and their thriving. God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

**P: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

L: We pray for those in our community who long for peace, those who are burnt out, shut out, and ready to hide out because it all feels like too much. God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

**P: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

L: We pray for those in our world who can't remember what safety feels like, who, after years of violence and unrest, cannot imagine what a day, a week, a year without fighting would feel like. God, be their shelter in the time of storm.

**P: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

L: God, teach us to be your sanctuary in the world. Give us the courage to make peace, extend care, and provide for the thriving of all who wonder how they will even survive. Help us be their shelter in the time of storm.

**P: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land; my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**\*Old Testament Reading** Psalm 27

**\*Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**We live in the shadow of peace, O God, but too often, we face the shadow and not the light. We pray for peace today because we know we are not a whole people without it. Forgive us our warring madness, our abuse of power, and our disregard of the rights of others. Lift from us the burden**

**of the need always to be in control. Teach us the ways of mutual love for all people. Help us to give peace a chance. Amen.**

**Words of Pardon and Assurance**

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**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.**

**Anthem** *Gather by the River to Pray* arr. Pepper Choplin

**\*Invitation to the Offerings: Penny Sunday**

**\*Doxology** UMH 95

**\*Prayer for the Offerings**

**Gospel Reading** Luke 13:31-35

**Hymn** *Children of the Heavenly Father* UMH 141

**Sermon** "Conceal Me" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**\*Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* UMH 64

**\*Responsive Benediction**

L: Go, now, in the blessing of God who conceals you in the tent of God's love,

**P: that you may invite others to come home to God who is Love.**

**All: Amen.**

**Postlude** *When Jesus Wept* David Schelat

*(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*