

# March 16, 2025

# 2nd Sunday of Lent



**God on the Move**

**God Moves ...  
past All Obstacles**

**Luke 13:31-35 | March 16, 2025**

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## We Gather

### Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

### Storer Memorial Carillon

#### Prelude

*It Is Well With My Soul*, Arr. by Philip P. Bliss

Hand bells led  
Dr. Ann Hicks

#### \*Processional Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymn #139

#### \*Call to Worship

Joanie Ross

Leader: The Holy One calls us to trust and pray.

All: **God is our light and salvation, the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: The Holy One calls us to take courage as we travel the path with Jesus.

All: **Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on our journeys.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: **Behold the beauty of the Holy One, and bless God's holy name.**

#### \*Welcome & Greeting

#### \*Passing of the Peace

#### We Proclaim

#### Children's Moment

Children are invited forward for a lesson with Pastor Teri. After the children's moment, the children may go to Children's Church with Ms. Joy. Please make sure to pick up your children immediately following the service.

#### Anthem

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*, by John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir  
Lora Dingledine, oboe

#### Prayer for Illumination

Joanie Ross

#### \*Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.'

\*Indicates congregation to stand in body or spirit.

Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!

How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

God Moves ... Past All Obstacles

## WE RESPOND

### Prayer Concerns & Community Life

Joanie Ross

Prayer concerns and celebrations may be submitted to [info@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:info@munciehighstreet.com); they will be prayed for by the prayer team and staff.

### Choral Call to Prayer

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Sanctuary Choir

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

All: Loving Guide and Protector of your children, when Jesus began his walk toward Jerusalem, he knew the journey could cost him his life. When we cannot see the road ahead, we are tempted to turn back rather than trusting the path you lay at our feet. When trouble comes, we are tempted to run away and protect ourselves rather than remain with those who need our help. Facing the cross, Jesus longed to gather the people as a hen gathers her brood beneath her wings. Forgive us when we are not willing to take shelter in your loving arms. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

Leader: Be strong; take heart. For God's love and mercy pursue us, even in the darkest night. By grace, you are loved and forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Brief Time of Silent Prayer

### Morning Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

Hymn #895

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.

**Choral Response to Prayer**

*Hear Our Prayer*

Ladonna Dingledine

**February Financial Update**

**Call to the Giving Life**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Allegro, from Quintet in B Minor*, by Jean Baptiste Loeillet

Cindy Dingledine Neal and Ladonna Dingledine, flutes, Lora Dingledine and Steve Dingledine, oboes, Kenneth Dingledine, piano

**\*Doxology**

Hymn #95

**\*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Loving Spirit*

TFWS #2123

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Choral Benediction**

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

Sanctuary Choir

**Postlude**

*Presto, from Sonata for Two Flutes*, by Johann Schultze

Cindy Dingledine Neal and Ladonna Dingledine, flutes

Thank you for worshipping with us!

## Church Announcements

**Announcements** – Announcements may be submitted only at [bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet](http://bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet). They are to be submitted by noon on Wednesday before Sunday service.

**Bake Sale** - Ruth and Martha Mary Circles are sponsoring a Bake Sale today in the main hallway of the church from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Proceeds will go to the Samaritan Fund.

**Welcome our DS** - our District Superintendent, Rev. Russ Abel, will be here to preach next Sunday.

**There are many ways to respond to God's love through giving –**

--In-person, by placing offerings in plates as ushers come through

--Text 765/222-5007

--Online: [highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online](http://highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online) (or scan the QR code below)

--Set up an automatic bank withdrawal through Diana (Church office)

--Drop off in person during church office hours.

## Youth & Children's Announcements

**Project 219** -All Students in grades 4-7 are invited to join us at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall for a time of Fellowship and Service as we work on a service project. As always, there will be food!!

### SNAPSHOT for Giving/Missions as of March 9th

Last's week Church Giving//Budget	\$33,278.00 // \$7,404.00
March Giving Total //Budget	\$38,182.83 // \$32,083.00
March Expense:	\$34,198.81
Inc. YTD 2025 // Exp. YTD 2025:	\$90,059.01 // \$89,059.01
Total Mission Samaritan:	\$2,094.00
Total Mission Pantry:	\$5,007.00
Attendance for March 9,, 2025:	
In-person worship:	123
Social Media views online:	135
Grand Total for Worship	258



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### Sunday Schedule

Coffee Bar	8:30 - 11:30 am
Bethany Class (Adult Sunday School)	8:45 am
Children's Sunday School	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:00 am
It's All About Jesus (Adult Sunday School)	11:15 am
Project 219 Student Ministries	4:30 - 6 pm

### Food Pantry Needs

Rice #1 bags  
Peanut Butter  
Beans 16 oz - black/red/kidney  
Soup - Chicken noodle, tomato or vegetable  
Diced tomatoes 16 oz  
Vegetables canned 16 oz







