

Worship on the Second Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2025

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Pastor  
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

**Prelude** "Nocturne" by John Thompson

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 27:1-8  
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**  
When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh-- my adversaries and foes-- they shall stumble and fall.  
**Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.**  
Though war rise up against me, still I will be confident.  
**One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**  
For God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble.  
**He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**  
Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me.  
**I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy.**  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
**Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**  
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"  
**Your face, O LORD, we seek.**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, your love is everlasting. We confess that sometimes we say careless words that harm others rather than speaking with kindness. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us to live as peacemakers. By your Spirit, help us to extend forgiveness to others and work for reconciliation in our community. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament** Genesis 15:1-18

**New Testament** Luke 13:31-35

**Sermon** "The Hen and the Fox" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Offertory** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach

**Doxology** 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.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, we rejoice in your constant faithfulness! You established your eternal covenant with your people Israel. Through your Son Jesus, you welcome all who trust you into your extended family. As with Abraham and Sarah, you give us a new name in baptism: a beloved child of God. Empower us by your Spirit to live as generous people. May we serve your purposes in the world. We dedicate our gifts for the mission and ministry of this church, through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
**Sharing Praise and Concerns for Prayer**

**Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer** (*trespasses*)

**Hymn 540** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Excerpt from Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata"

### Church Calendar

Sunday, March 16 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
You are welcome to join us for worship onsite or via live stream.

Tuesday, March 18 **Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon** 7:00 p.m.  
We sponsor this year-round group. In this season, meetings are held via zoom. To connect with the facilitator, email [info@fynyaa.org](mailto:info@fynyaa.org).

Wednesday, March 19 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Everyone is invited to participate in a hybrid format in the church Parlor and via Zoom. We will discuss Week 2 in *From Wilderness to Glory: Lent and Easter for Everyone* by N. T. Wright.

Thursday, March 20 **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
This is a casual time for toddlers and adults to share fellowship.

Saturday, March 22 **Alcoholics Anonymous** via Zoom 5:00 p.m.  
**Board Game Cafe** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Families and friends of all ages are invited to gather for free dinner and to learn how to play a new board game.

Sunday, March 23 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
Please join us to worship the Lord onsite or via live stream.  
**Intuitive Collage** 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Amy Harris leads this free workshop for creative expression.

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*"Whoever you are and  
wherever you are on your faith journey,  
you are welcome here."*



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