

WILLAPA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

All are invited to stand as able for items marked with an *. Songs are in the United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and/or The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

GATHERING TIME

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

***OPENING SONG** Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140

***CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER**

Lent is a time of waiting for life.

And yet there is living to do in the meantime.

Abraham and Sarah waited long for a child.

They longed for a son, an heir, a continuation of their lineage.

God called Abraham and Sarah to be patient;

Like they were, Lent calls us to sit in a place of patient trust.

While we wait, we remember the words of the Psalmist:

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

Whom shall we fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life.

Of whom shall we be afraid?

Come, the Lenten journey continues...

Jerusalem is where you are leading us. Jerusalem - the city that kills prophets. You call us to take part in your work, but it is scary work, work that might upset people because it upsets the status quo.

We often choose easier tasks because we are fearful and do not trust your care. "Give us easier things to do," we ask. "Don't make us sacrifice...call someone else." Gracious God erase these questions from our hearts. Give us questions that ask what lies ahead as we journey in your paths of justice and righteousness.

***RESPONSIVE SONG** We Sing to You O God TFWS 2001

FOR ALL CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

READING THE WORD

Luke 13:31-35

This is the Word of God spoken.

Thanks Be to God!

Pew Bible
NT 72

MESSAGE How We Stand

***RESPONSIVE SONG** Come Away With Me TFWS 2202

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING of HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING AND PRAYER

GIVING UMH 415

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

***CLOSING SONG** Loving Spirit TFWS 2123

***SENDING FORTH**

**Thank you, God, for each person who by their presence, gifts and
graces bring our worship and fellowship to life!**

*Some Pharisees said, "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.'" Luke 13.31-32*

Stand firm in the Lord. Philippians 4.1

God, you have given me
the great power of refusing to let
other people's energy determine my own.
I am free.

Help me resist the adversaries
of other people's expectations,
my foe,
my desire to fit in.

I have joined a gang: it is Christ.
We live his ways, not other people's ways.
Help me stand firm.

Help me be gentle when others are violent.
When others yell, remind me I don't have to.
When others blame, I can listen.

When the culture is violent and unjust and resists opposition,
I can stand for healing and justice.
You have taken me into yourself.

Why should I be afraid,
even in a cruel place,
to stand firm in love?

"Stand firm" by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

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Welcome to Willapa



We are blessed because you came!

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