

**SOUTH COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent**

**Prelude
Greeting
Call to Worship**

Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

He is the Messiah.

What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives in order to save our lives.

How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable?

Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.

Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.

Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

Singing: *I Love to Tell the Story* pg. 156 *

Sharing a Blessing

Children's Time

A Time of Prayer

Our Offering

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow pg. 95 *

Prayer of Dedication

Singing: *Be Thou My Vision* pg. 451 *

Message: **For the Sake of the Gospel** Mark 8:31-38 & Mark 9:2-9

Singing: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* pg. 133 *

Benediction

Singing: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (1st verse) pg. 664 *

* Please stand if you are able.

Accompanist: Megan Schihl

Lenten Devotionals Available

We have a personal daily devotional for you to use during Lent. Please pick up a copy of "The Sanctuary for Lent 2024" from the table by the entrance. There should be enough copies available for each household to have one.

Lenten Brunch

We have a custom of a Lenten brunch that would be on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. This consisted of sharing brunch together and then enjoying some type of program. Some programs in the past included the Patriot Choir, the Beulah Land Quartet, & Phil Stagg sharing his photographs of beautiful waterfalls of Michigan. Should we have a Lenten brunch this year? if so, do you have any suggestions who might provide a program?

Bulletin Board

Check the bulletin board in the back of sanctuary for community events.

MY HAND IN HIS

When life is bright and sunny

Or when my sky is gray,

It comforts me to know my God

Is never far away.

I cannot go beyond His reach

No matter where I roam.

I'm safely held within His care,

Away or here at home.

My hand secure in His each day,

I follow where He leads;

He knows the way and I'm assured

He will supply my needs.

When I must journey on from here,

I will not go alone;

He who safely guides will lead me

To my heavenly home.

*You are my rock and my fortress;
For Your name's sake lead and guide me.*

Psalm 31:4