



The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.

*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.

Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
by Alejandro D. Consolacion II

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“My Hope is Built”
by Tom Trenney

*SONG OF WORSHIP

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
TUNE: BUNESSAN (#35)

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!**

**Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of God’s love,
leading onward, leading homeward,
to our glorious rest above!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best!
‘Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
‘tis a haven sweet of rest!**

**How he watches o’er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he’s interceding,
watching o’er them from the throne!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, ever loves us,
changes never, never more!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Handbell Choir

“The Lamb”
arr. by Sandra Eithun

Inhale: When I am inclined toward judgment,
Exhale: move me with compassion.

Inhale: In my everyday living,
Exhale: clothe me with compassion and kindness.

Inhale: Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Exhale: have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Once more we say these words:

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!**

We are beloved and forgiven people.
Believe this truth and live in peace.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.
You are God’s beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION “How Long, O Lord, How Long (Psalm 13)”

**O Lord our God to you we come
Will you still hide your face
We cry before you and on our knees we pray
How long O Lord how long**

CHORUS

**Till your glory fills our eyes
And our faith is turned to sight
Till our thirsty souls are satisfied
How long O Lord how long**

**Our sorrows leave us weak and worn
Injustice seems to reign
Lord we are shaken and we are losing strength
How long O Lord how long *CHORUS***

**But we will trust your steadfast love
your grace will be our song
you bring new mercies with ev’ry rising sun
How long O Lord how long *CHORUS***

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Lamentations 3:48-57
“Lament as . . . Compassion”

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF LAMENT

“Have Mercy”

**Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.
O Lord have mercy. O Lord have mercy. REPEAT**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

#559 “Here I Am, Lord”

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary
are brought forward as a sign of our response to God’s call on our lives.*

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,
blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

*POSTLUDE

“Be Not Afraid”
by Bob Dufford, S. J.

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THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND
 Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SRC EMAILS?

Please email Rachel at rachel@2refpella.org to sign up to receive SRC's weekly newsletter (*On Second Thoughts*) and other important announcements. Archived copies of the weekly newsletters are on SRC's website.

PREFER TO GIVE ONLINE?

Secure online giving is now available through our financial record-keeping program (Aplos) and its payment processing provider (Stripe). You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations. Access SRC's online giving page using this QR code or by going to <https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/SecondReformedChurch/General>. Thank you for your generous support of SRC's mission!



CREATION CARE CLASS

The SRC Education Council is offering a course this spring entitled "Creation Care and the Responsibilities of Christian Communities in a Time of Global Disruption."

- **Tuesday, March 24th** (7:00 pm, Gathering Space) Pastor Katie will speak on "Biblical Foundations of Earth Stewardship and Climate Justice"
- **Tuesday, April 7th** (7:00 pm, Gathering Space) Professor Russ Benedict will speak on "Personal, Congregational, and Community Action Opportunities for Earth Stewardship and Climate Justice in Iowa"
- **Sunday, April 12th** (worship) Guest Preacher Rev. Carla Stoltzfus Detweiler "Who is My Neighbor?"

Feel free to invite friends from the community who would be interested in learning about creation care, climate justice, and how our faith can guide meaningful action.

CURIOS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

Interested in learning more about membership at Second? Join us for Take a Second Look, a brief gathering that takes a look at membership and ministry at Second. This discovery gathering will meet **Sunday, April 19** after worship and be done at 11:45 AM. The sign up can be found in *On Second Thoughts*. Contact Pastor Elizabeth and Pastor Mike (elizabeth@2refpella.org; mike@2refpella.org) with any questions.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 22, 2026

TODAY

9:45 am Worship Service

TUESDAY

2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation

7:00 pm Creation Care Class

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 am Worship Service

2:30 pm High School Youth Group

4:00 pm Handbell Choir

6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Greeters: Lee Collins, Ed Willis, Rich Glendening, Scott & Evelyn Tjeerdsma

Next Week:

Nursery: Anna Allen, Annie Vande Kamp

Next Week: Jessi Galligan, Neriah Hardeman

Storyteller: Jaci Ray

Next Week: Sara Hefflefinger, Jackson Renaud

Barista: Scott Tjeerdsma

Next Week: Lisa Zylstra

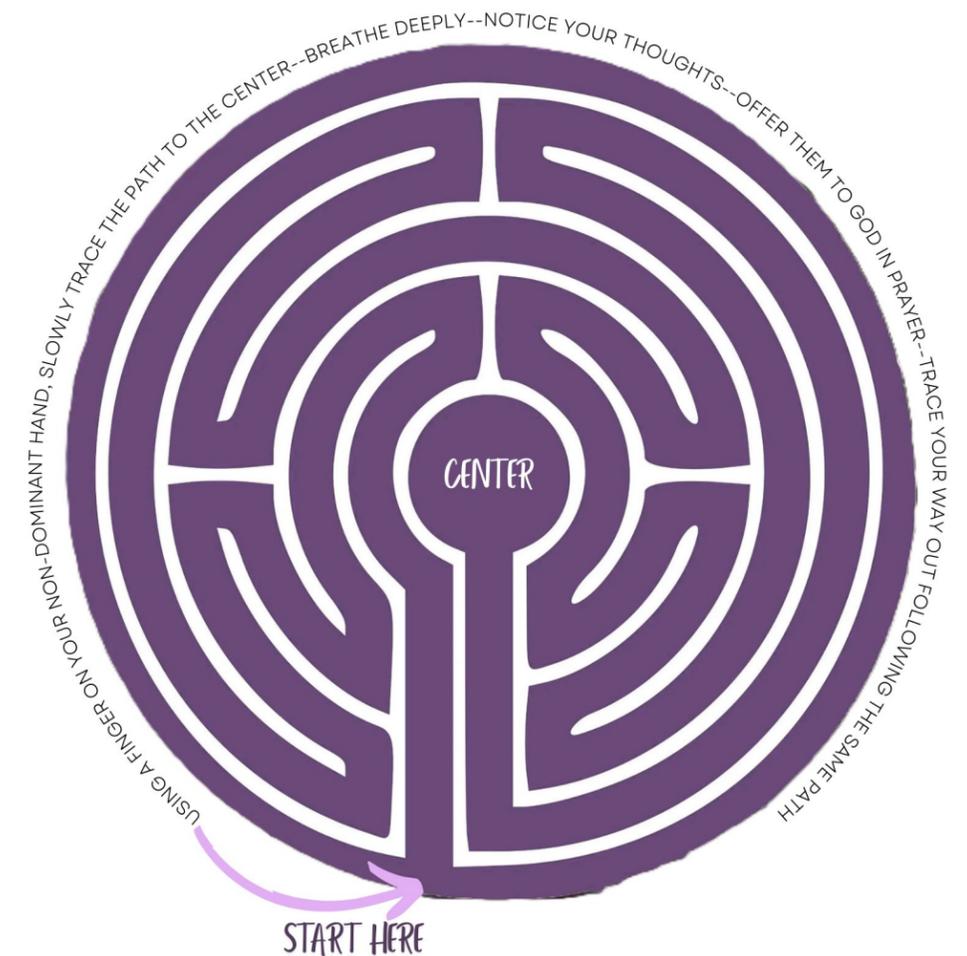
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Second Reformed Church

SECOND REFORMED CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Lent
 March 22, 2026 - 9:45 am

ENGAGE THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday (February 18) to Maundy Thursday (April 2)

WORSHIP SERMON SERIES

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POST-IT NOTE PRAYER WALL (February 22—March 29)

All ages and stages are invited to participate in naming grief, loss, hardship and sharing signs of hope as we create our Lenten art display together. Look for the table located in the Gathering Space to find out how you can participate.

WEEKLY LENTEN PRACTICES

Each Sunday consider engaging the “Learning to Lament” suggestions for reflection and practice in the bulletin.

A SIMPLE PRAYER PRACTICE

Take note of the marble baptismal font near the center doors of the sanctuary. During Lent, all are invited to touch the water when entering and/or leaving the sanctuary each week while practicing this breath prayer:*

INHALE: May my life reflect this truth, O God...

EXHALE: All are beloved. All belong.

*Use this ancient spiritual practice anytime, anywhere to connect with God:

- ⇒ Choose any two brief statements to pray.
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Mark the beginning of Holy Week with a journey that takes us from cheers of “Hosanna!” to cries of “Crucify!” during our Palm to Passion Service. This service includes an intergenerational Procession of the Palms. All are invited to participate!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE (6:30PM on April 2)

Join the SRC community for this service of remembrance and communion that marks the end of Lent.

LEARNING TO LAMENT: COMPASSION

Week 5

REFLECTIVE PROMPT

Whose suffering have you become so used to seeing that you have come to believe it is normal? Whose suffering do you typically look away from, so you don't have to see it?

ACTIVE PRACTICE

Offer tangible compassion. Find one way you can offer compassion by extending time, money, encouragement, or presence.

Practice Holy Presence. The next time you encounter someone who is hurting, sit with them without giving advice or solutions. Offer a listening ear and supportive presence while you sit with them in their struggle.

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