



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

To any who wander, searching for a place to call home: **Come.**

To any who hunger for something more: **Come.**

To any who long for freedom: **Come.**

To any who are brokenhearted: **Come.**

To any in need of healing: **Come.**

To any and all, come and receive the good news of God's love.

Together we come, we receive, and we worship our God of love.

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#575 "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who hears our confession with love and compassion—
today we raise our voices before you to lament and repent.

For all those whose lives are diminished and devalued
because of overt and covert prejudice and discrimination,
we lament.

For all the ways we benefit from systems set up to amplify our
power and privilege, sometimes without even realizing it,
we repent.

For all those who have struggled and waited so long
for equity and equality,
we lament.

For all the times we have felt threatened by policies and laws
meant to broaden equitable access and equal rights to all people,
we repent.

For all those imprisoned unjustly, detained and deported unduly,
and silenced and marginalized unfairly,
we lament.

For all the moments we believe these things
are someone else's problems, not ours,
we repent.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

O God who hears our cries,
**show us how to work for justice together—
standing up for what is right,
stepping in when something's wrong,
shouldering each other's burdens,
and holding each other accountable
as we join in God's good work of renewal and reconciliation.
In Jesus' name, we pray . . . amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Amazing Grace"

arranged by Bruce Stevenson

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

In Jesus, we see what God's amazing grace looks like—
welcome, love, compassion, forgiveness.

Thanks be to God!

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 3:34-47

"Lament as . . . Repentance"

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

"In an Age of Twisted Values" *Insert*

*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.*

*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.
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*POSTLUDE

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THANK YOU!

We extend a special thank you to our guest organist, Marshall Fynaardt, for
sharing his musical gifts with us this morning. We are grateful for his contribution
to our worship today.

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 15, 2026

TODAY

9:45 am Worship Service
 4:00 pm Handbell Choir

TUESDAY

8:00 am Men's Group
 2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation
 6:30 pm Crafting in Community

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 am Worship Service

Greeters: Lee Collins, Renauds, Mike Montgomery
 Next Week: Lee Collins, Rich Glendening

Nursery: Liz Wilner, Mike Filippini
 Next Week: Anna Allen, Annie Vande Kamp

Storyteller: Lisa Zylstra
 Next Week: Jaci Ray

Barista: Sherril Graham
 Next Week:

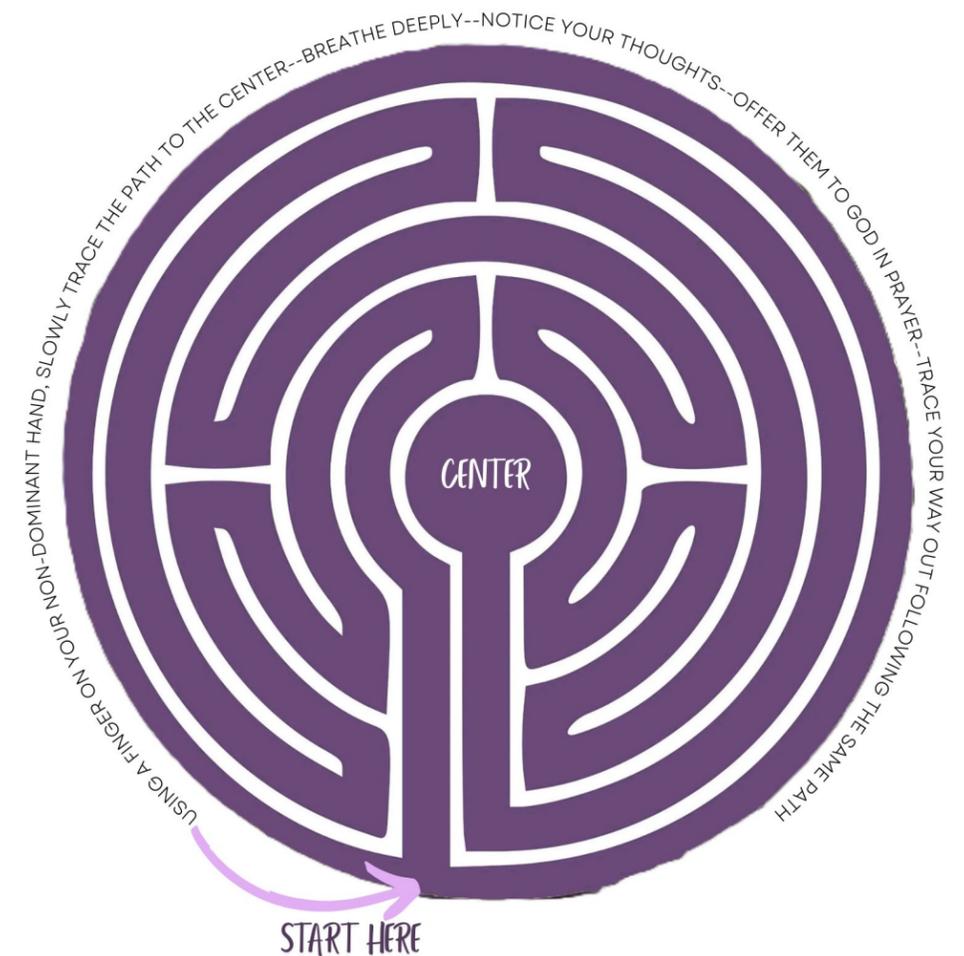
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Second Reformed Church

SECOND REFORMED CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Lent
 March 15, 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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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: REPENTANCE

Week 4

REFLECTIVE PROMPT

Is there something in your life that prevents you from aligning with God's justice and compassion for all people? What does it look like for you to contribute to repair and reconciliation in the world?

ACTIVE PRACTICE

Confess in community. Write, draw, or doodle a personal or communal confession on a post-it note and add it to the Post-it Note Prayer Wall.

Make one repair. What is one apology, correction, act of reconciliation, or harmful pattern in need of change that you can commit to this week?

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**“In an Age of Twisted Values”
TUNE: BEECHER #581**

**In an age of twisted values,
we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language,
we have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions,
we have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation;
your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.**

**We have built discrimination
on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty,
if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided
by the walls of class and race,
hear our cry and heal our nation;
show us, Lord, your love and grace.**

**When our families are broken,
when our homes are full of strife,
when our children are bewildered,
when they lose their way in life,
when we fail to give the aged
all the care we know they need,
hear our cry and heal our nation;
help us show more love, we plead.**

**We who hear your word so often
choose so rarely to obey.
Turn us from our willful blindness;
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In the power of your Spirit
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