# LEARNING TO-WALK in the Dark

MARCH 9

WEARY to the BONE

JEREMIAH 20:7-13



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

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Danny Fisher
Carol Choir Accompanist

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# **PROCESSION**

Acolytes
Elsie Lewis
Tyler Gardner

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Abby Marshall
Leah Marshall

**Ewer Bearer** Marshall Bryans

# WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 8 may remain with their families or depart for Children's Choir. If departing, please assure your child is wearing a green nametag. Children's Choir pickup will be on the first floor in room 112. Childcare is available on the second floor for infants through age 3.

# **VISUAL AND HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Please speak to an usher if you need a large print bulletin, large print hymnal, or an assistive listening device.

# March 9, 2025

# **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

# We Come Together as God's People

**Prelude** Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir, BWV 686

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

(From deep affliction I cry out to you)
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Welcome Rev. Christopher A. Henry

**Choral Call to Worship** O Große Lieb (from Johannes-Passion, BWV 245)

J.S. Bach

Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

(1685-1750)

O große Lieb, o Lieb ohn alle Maße, die dich gebracht auf diese Marterstraße! Ich lebte mit der Welt in Lust und Freuden, und du mußt Leiden. O great love, o love without any limits, that has brought you onto this path of torment. I have lived with the world in pleasure and delight, while you must suffer.

Text: Johann Heermann (1585-1647)

\* Call to Worship Rev. Karen L. Lang

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One: Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy:

All: Jesus will give us rest.

One: Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace:

All: Christ will give us peace.

One: Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus:

All: For our Savior will give us rest in our souls.

One: Come, let us worship our God!

All: Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.

# \* Prayer of Adoration

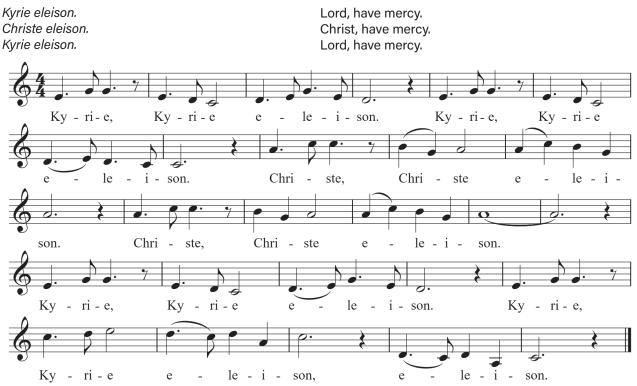


# **Invitation to Confession**



Kyrie (from Symphony, no. 9, II)

Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904) arr. Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)



# **Prayer of Confession**

God, we have become too proficient in performance.

We say the right words, but often leave our hearts behind.

Forgive us when our worship is predictable and safe.

Forgive us when religious pride obscures our vision of your grace.

We are before you just as we are.
Show us your heart.
Train us in humility.
Walk with us.
And give us the courage to embrace this season of repentance and renewal.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. (Silent Prayer)

### **Assurance of God's Grace**

\* Passing the Peace of Christ

\* **Hymn #339** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

Children's Choir Anthem

I'm Just a Poor, Wayfarin' Stranger Carol Choir

Traditional Spiritual Feierabend & Bridges

Patrick Pauloski, conductor; Danny Fisher, piano

I'm just a poor, wayfarin' stranger, A-trav'lin' through this world of woe; But there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that bright world to which I go. I'm goin' there to see my father, I'm goin' there no more to roam; I'm just a-goin' over Jordan; I'm just a-goin' over home.

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me; I know my way is rough and steep. But golden fields lie out before me, where all the saints their vigils keep. I'm goin' there to see my mother, She said she'd see me when I come. I'm just a-goin' over Jordan; I'm only goin' over home.

# We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination Paige Fleming

First Scripture Lesson Matthew 11:25-30 (p. 887)

## **Anthem**

# Daniel, Daniel Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor Carol Baker and Patrick Pauloski, soloists

Spiritual arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

Chorus:

Oh, the king cried, "Oh, Daniel, Daniel, oh! Daniel, Daniel, oh! That Hebrew Daniel, Servant of the Lord!"

Among the Hebrew nation,
One Hebrew Daniel was found.
They put him in the lion's den.
He stayed there all night long. *Chorus* 

Now the king in his sleep was troubled, And early in the morning he rose, To find God sent his angels down, To lock the lion's jaws! *Chorus* 

**Second Scripture Lesson** 

Jeremiah 20:7-13

(p. 708)

Sermon Rev. Christopher A. Henry

# Weary to the Bone

"If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,'
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot."
(Jeremiah 20:9)

### **Moment of Silent Meditation**

# We Give Thanks to God

# Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Thomas P. Markey

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

# **Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity**

In this place I have been made new; I have been gifted jewels beyond price. In this place greater dreams are given. I am made everlasting.

In this place I am light, In this place, in Your sight I am made everlasting.

In Your love, starting and ending; I will be carried softly to heaven. In Your love I am given beauty. I am made everlasting.

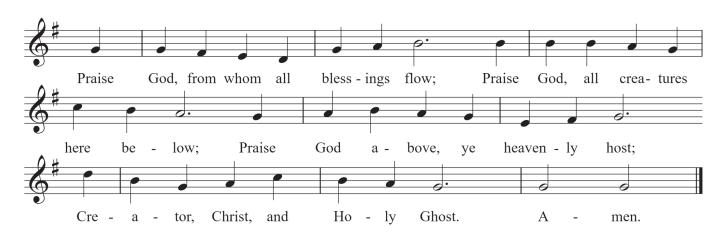
You give the strength for me to hold, You are the hope that shines like gold. In this place I am new. In this place I am true.

I will fly with angels to this place And be made everlasting.

Text: Will Todd

# \* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* Prayer of Dedication

# We Go Forth to Serve

\* Closing Hymn #81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days ST. FLAVIAN

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Benediction Amen, Amen Spiritual

Postlude Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680 J.S. Bach (We all believe in one God)

### THE POWER OF PRAYER

We remember in prayer these members who have died, and their loved ones. The white rose in front of the lectern is in memory of:

Bill Schaefer

Would you like one of our pastors to pray with you today? We invite you to come to Milner Chapel immediately following the 10 AM worship service for a short time of communion and prayer. You may also visit **SecondChurch.org/Prayer** to fill out a Prayer Request Form.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact:

**Rev. Madison VanVeelen,** Associate Pastor of Care MVanVeelen@SecondChurch.org

### **GIVING**

Please join the Hunger Campaign which feeds our neighbors in need who are hungry for food, and for the support, prayers and encouragement we provide.

Proceeds from the Hunger Campaign support the food pantry, school initiatives, community meals and so many more activities and programs throughout the year.

To make a gift to the Hunger Campaign, visit **SecondChurch.org/Give** or scan this QR code.

Thank you for your love and care of those in need.



# **VISITING TODAY?**

Thank you for worshiping with Second!
Our Hospitality Team would love to connect and welcome you more fully into the life of Second. Scan this QR code and let us know you were here!

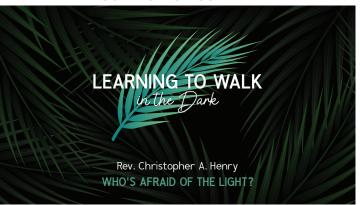




### **TODAY**

Young Adults Brunch
Meet in Narthex after 10 AM Worship

# NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 16 COMMUNION SUNDAY



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship • Room 356

9 AM - Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM - Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion • Room 356

5 PM • Sunday Evening Lenten Service • Room 356

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# UPCOMING EVENTS SecondChurch.org/Events



Second Act March Gathering
March 10 • 3 - 4:30 PM • McFarland Hall

Men@Second Pop Up Social
March 12 • 5:30 PM • Muldoon's in Carmel

Contemplative Prayer Stations

March 17 - 23 • Room 356 • Open during building hours

Men@Second March Mania
March 21 • 12 PM • Home of Bob Getts

Bread for the World Letter Writing
March 23 & 30 • 11 AM • McFarland Hall

Sacred Art Series: *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn
March 23 • 4 PM • Sanctuary

Men's Monthly Fellowship
March 25 • 6 PM • The Roost in Nora

South Africa Book Club March 25 • 7 PM • Zoom