

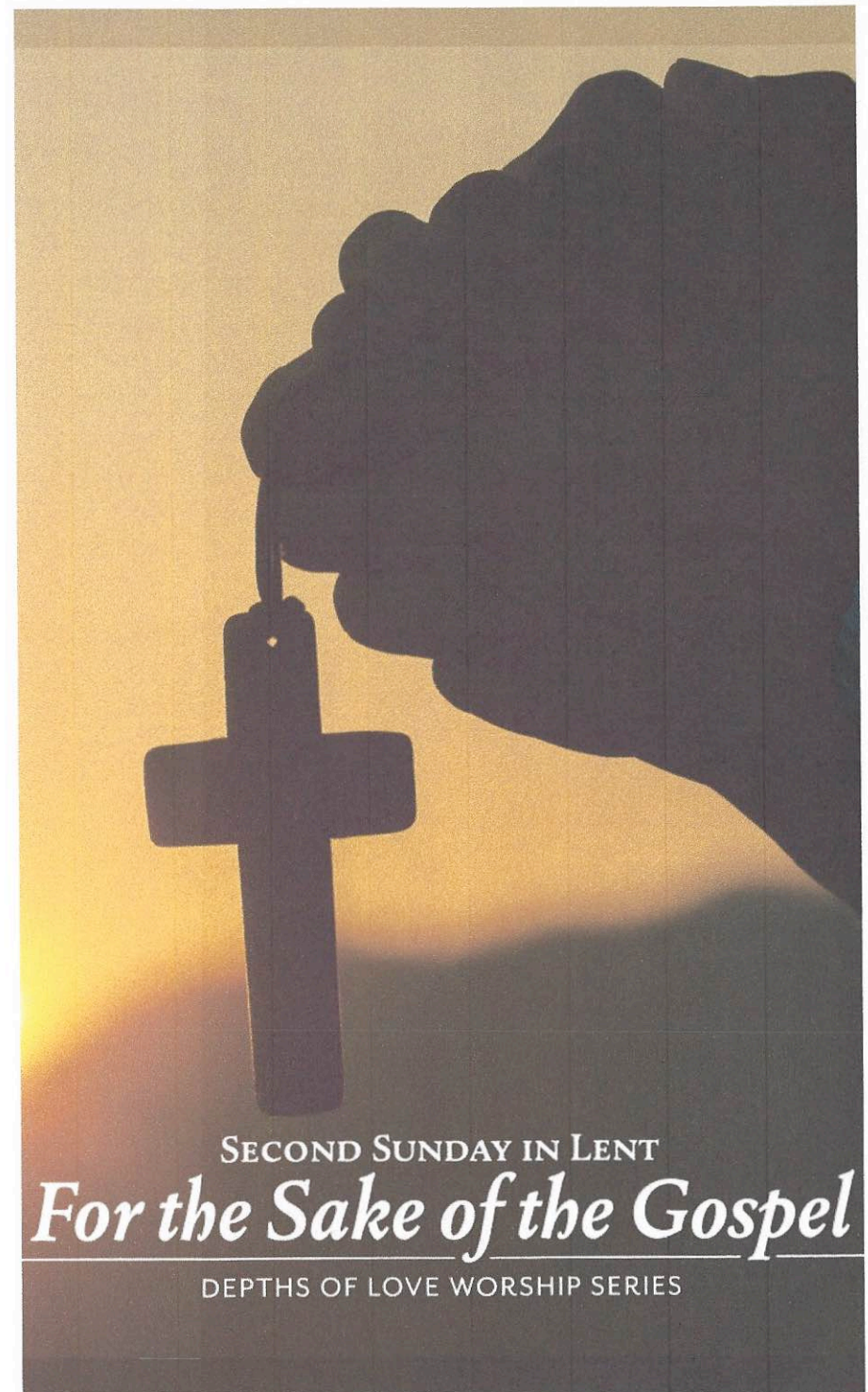
Announcements & Upcoming Ministries

- ★ Moses Bible Study - *Wed. 2/28 @ 9am*
- ★ NOW Meeting - *Wed. 2/28 @ 6:30pm*
- ★ Fundraiser For Brandon - *Sat. 3/2 @ 12-5pm (Elk's Lodge)*
- ★ Palm Sunday Service - *Sun. 3/24 @ 11am*
- ★ Maundy Thursday Service - *Thur. 3/28 @ 5:30pm*
- ★ Stations of the Cross Experience - *Fri. 3/29 @ 5:30-7pm*
- ★ Easter Sunrise Service - *Sun. 3/31 @ 7:15am (Memorial Garden)*
- ★ Easter Fellowship Breakfast - *Sun. 3/31 @ 7:30am (Fellowship Hall)*
- ★ Easter Worship - *Sun. 3/31 @ 11am*
- ★ Fish Fry Fundraiser - *Sat. 4/6 @ 5:00-7:00pm*
- ★ Camp Carefree Chili Cook-Off - *Sat. 4/20 @ 10-3pm (Camp Carefree)*

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AN ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

People: He is the Messiah.

Leader: What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

People: 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.

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

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

Leader: 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.

People: 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.

■OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** | *Jesus Draw Me Close* | TFWS 2159 (x3)

FIRST LESSON | *Romans 4:13-25* (NRSV)

RESPONSIVE READING | *Modern Affirmation* | UMH 885

PSALTER | *Psalm 22:25-31* | UMH 752

***HYMN** | *Jesus Calls Us* | UMH 398

PRAYERS & PRAISES

The prayer list is found in the insert in your bulletin.

§PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

§INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** | UMH 95

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

***§BLESSING WHAT IS GIVEN**

***HYMN** | *Take Up Thy Cross* | UMH 415

THE LESSON | *Mark 8:31-38* (NRSV)

SERMON | Rev. Matthew Johnson
"The Peter Paradox"

***HYMN** | *Where He Leads Me* | UMH 338

***BLESSING** | *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* | Handout

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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