

McCORMICK METHODIST CHURCH

March 16, 2025

10:00 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude for Second Sunday in Lent

Peggy Thomas

Prayer for Worship

Lay Leader and Congregation

Leader: We journey with Jesus to the Cross who travelled knowing that His walk meant salvation to all who believe. May our journey take us to the fulfillment of God's will as we strive to be like Jesus.

All: Merciful God, we embrace this season of Lent as we prepare again to walk with Jesus to the cross. Speak to us, we pray, the solemn truth of Christ's passion. Remind us that there is no life without death, no communion without separation, no glory without suffering. Give us courage and faith to receive these difficult truths and to align our hearts and lives with them. May we choose to lose our lives so that we may gain them; to endure the pain of separation that we might enjoy the fellowship of all your saints; to enter Christ's suffering by entering the suffering of your children on earth that we may one day share in your eternal glory. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise	<i>"Jesus Shall Reign"</i> vs.1,2,5	UMH 157
*The Statement of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	UMH 881
*Response	<i>"Seek Ye First"</i>	UMH 405

Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem	<i>"Breathe on Me Breath of God"</i>	Chancel Choir
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Scripture Lesson	Luke 13: 31-35	Lay Reader
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³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not will

ing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks Be to God

Message: *"The Fox, a Hen and Your Future"*

Rev. Ledwell

***Hymn of Dedication** *"Jesus Is All the World to Me" vs. 1,2,4*

UMH 469

Tithes and Offerings

***Sending Forth**

Our Lenten journey marches still onward. Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem, and we travel that road with him. There are no faithful detours, nor can we rush to the end of the story. But in the meantime of Lent, we can live, move and have our being in a God who assures us: "I am going to open the graves, and you shall know I am the Lord." Let us depart in hope and confidence that, although the wilderness of Lent stretches still before us, God's promises go with us, today and always. **Amen.**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able**

Flowers are placed on the altar today to glorify God's hand in our daughter Cassie's journey back from the paralysis of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)

By August and Sundee Luedecke
