Mid-Week Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

PRELUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" – Jason Krug Ann Vogel, Organist

WELCOME

***<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u> Prayer for Lent: Letting Go**

Leader: When fear grips our hearts and we cling tightly to what we cannot control,
People: God says, "Do not fear, for I am with you."
Leader: When we are tempted to hold on to old hurts, old habits, or old worries,
People: God says, "Do not be afraid, I will strengthen you."
Leader: When we feel weak, uncertain, or unsure of what comes next,
People: God says, "I will help you."
Leader: When we are afraid to let go of what feels familiar,
People: God says, "I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Leader: Tonight, we release what weighs us down.
People: We trust the One who holds us steady.
Leader: Let us worship the God who is with us, strengthens us, helps us, and holds us.
People: We come to worship with open hands and trusting hearts.

***<u>UNISON OPENING PRAYER</u>**

Faithful God, You tell us, "Do not fear, for I am with you." Yet we confess that fear often holds us tightly. We fear the unknown, the uncertain, and the things beyond our control. Tonight, we bring those fears to You. Teach us to loosen our grip and trust Your promise. Strengthen us when we feel weak. Help us when we feel overwhelmed. Uphold us with Your righteous right hand. Give us courage to let go of fear and to rest in Your steady presence. We place our lives into Your hands, trusting that You are with us. Amen.

***HYMN #384**	**"Rock of Ages"**	
SCRIPTURE TEXT	**ISAIAH 41:10**	
MESSAGE	**"Letting Go of Fear"**	**Pastor Ed Karges**
***HYMN #447**	**"Because He Lives"**	
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	**"Evening Praise" – William Sherwin**	