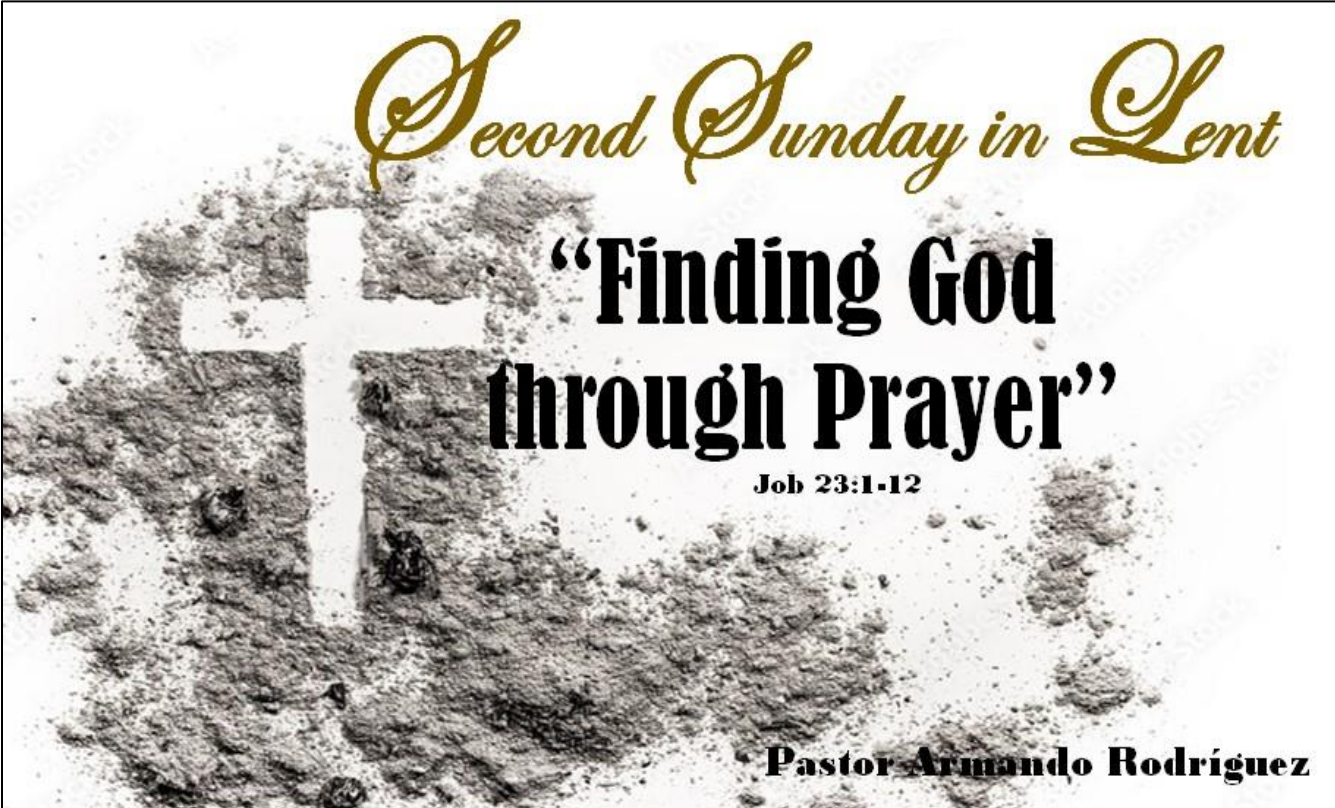


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Second Sunday in Lent

**“Finding God
through Prayer”**

Job 23:1-12

Pastor Armando Rodríguez

Our Vision & Mission

“Shining the Light of God’s Love”

Through

Inspiring Worship ~ Personal Growth ~ Intentional Outreach

“Second Sunday in Lent”

8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME, COMMUNITY LIFE & INVOCATION

PRELUDE

“Just a Closer Walk”

Julie Propst

(Please be in an attitude of prayer as you prepare yourself for worship.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 62:5

UMH 787

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,

Congregation: For my hope is from God.

*OPENING HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

UMH 79

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Christ, thou art our glorious King,
Son of God, enthroned in splendor;
but deliverance to bring
thou all honors didst surrender,
and wast of a virgin born
humbly on that blessed morn.

Words: Sts. 1, 2, 4, Ignaz Franz, 18th cent.; trans by Clarence Walworth, 1853; st. 5, F. Bland Tucker, 1982; Music: Katholisches Gesanbuch, ca. 1774; st. 5 @1985 The Church Pension Fund; CCLI License #1229420

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

MUSICAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (v. 2)

UMH 474

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,

hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious
Lord, lead me home.

Words & Music: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; CCLI License # 1229420

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Standin In the Need of Prayer”

FUMC Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Thomas Ken 1674, Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange 1623; CCLI License #1229420

***PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Trust and Obey” (vv. 1, 2, 4)

UMH 467

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Words: John H. Sammis, 1887 (1 Jn 1:7); Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887; CCLI License # 1229420

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 23:1-12 (NIV)

MESSAGE

“Finding God through Prayer”

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***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“Trust, Try, and Prove Me”

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,
All your money, talents, time and love;
Consecrate them all upon the altar,
While your Savior from above speaks sweetly,

Trust Me, try Me, prove Me,
saith the Lord of hosts, and see
If a blessing, unmeasured blessing,
I will not pour out on thee.

Trust Me, try Me, prove Me,
saith the Lord of hosts, and see
If a blessing, unmeasured blessing,
I will not pour out on thee.

I have yielded Him my life forever,
All I am, or have or hope to be;
Naught on earth my hold on Him can sever,
While I hear Him say to me,
My child, just

When my wav'ring faith, in trials, falters,
When His guiding hand I cannot see,
Then in wondrous love and tender mercy,
Through His Word He says to me,
My child, just

Trust Me, try Me, prove Me,
saith the Lord of hosts, and see
If a blessing, unmeasured blessing,
I will not pour out on thee.

Words & Music: Lida S. Leech, 1923; CCLI License # 1229420

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine

**Indicates that we are to stand to praise God.*

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are given by Joan MacGuire in memory of her husband, Ed MacGuire.

“Second Sunday in Lent”

9:30 am Contemporary Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE

“I Thank God”

“Old Church Choir”

“We Praise You”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

Holley Lane

INFANT BAPTISM

Shania Mila Allen

PRAYER TIME

OFFERING

“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

BIBLE READING

Job 23:1-12 (NIV)

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ALTAR CALL / CLOSING

“Worthy of It All”

BENEDICTION

Go Forth and Let Your Light Shine

Job 23:1-12 (NIV)

23Then Job replied:

²“Even today my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy in spite of^[b] my groaning.

³If only I knew where to find him;
if only I could go to his dwelling!

⁴I would state my case before him
and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵I would find out what he would answer me,
and consider what he would say to me.

⁶Would he vigorously oppose me?

No, he would not press charges against me.

⁷There the upright can establish their innocence before him,
and there I would be delivered forever from my judge.

⁸“But if I go to the east, he is not there;
if I go to the west, I do not find him.

⁹When he is at work in the north, I do not see him;
when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.

¹⁰But he knows the way that I take;
when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

¹¹My feet have closely followed his steps;
I have kept to his way without turning aside.

¹²I have not departed from the commands of his lips;
I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.

Every Member Prayer List – Please pray for the following this week: Dave & Audrey Delaune, Clarence Depass, Robert & Deb DePorter, Angeline DeWald, Ellie Deweese, Barbara Diaz, Luis & Wanda Diaz.

The Lord’s Supper – Communion is available each Sunday morning between 7:30 am – 12:30 pm. Bread and juice, as well as guide sheets to lead you through your time communing with God, are available in the Prayer Room in the back of the Sanctuary.

Retirement of Gladys Dolan after 31 years of service to FUMC. We are celebrating with a Combined Worship Service on March 30th at 10 am. All four regular worship services will worship together in the Beacon Life Center followed by lunch. Watch the email blast for further details.

Pastor Armando’s Bible Study on the Book of Job – Suffering and Justice at the Courtrooms – Wednesdays through April 2 at 6:30 pm, Room 101 of BLC. No study book or registration is required.

Lenten Food Drive – the Missions Team is holding a food drive to benefit our food pantry and our local community in need! During the 40 days of Lent, we ask you to be the hands and feet of Jesus and purchase one non-perishable food item for each day, and bring your offerings to church on Sundays.

Worship Team Meeting – March 18th at 6:30 pm in Room 101. All team members urged to attend as we prepare for Easter week.

United Women in Faith March Unit Meeting – March 19th, 1 pm, Rm 101, Guest Speaker- Lynn Steele-Legacy Planning.

Visitation Team will be meeting on Wednesday, March 19 at 10 am in Room 105. All are welcome and invited to attend to learn more about this very important ministry. Maybe you feel called to serve on our team. Chairperson Rita Etherington (772) 678-1449.

Church Work Day – April 12th 8am-Noon. Come on out and help us spruce up the property for Easter.

Eggstravaganza – Save the Date April 19th - Food Trucks, egg hunts, bounce houses and music. **Egg Stuffing Parties** every Wednesday from 10 am to noon. We need individually wrapped candy and eggs, as well as bottled water. We hope you can help with this awesome event!

VBS 2025 – Save the date June 23rd -27th. Registration starts May 15th. Volunteer registration is open now at vbspro.events/p/ecad37

Food Pantry – We serve families in need on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm in the Outreach Center. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. Special needs this month: RICE. We also offer clothing through **Hope’s Corner**. Clean, gently used clothing is accepted. Special needs: men’s shirts and long pants.

Rad’s Half Marathon Fundraiser – Rad Orlandi completed the Half Marathon (that’s 13.1 miles) last Sunday, to raise funds for the 65th Anniversary Wish List. So far, we have collected \$3640. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser.

United Women in Faith are hoping to start a new women’s circle to accommodate those that need an evening meeting. We also have 4 currently active circles that always welcome new members. For more information, please contact Joan MacGuire at (772) 418-3173.

Presence in Worship for 3/9: 363 Sunday School: 60

Financial Update – Last week we received \$15,592.50 toward our weekly need of \$15,827. So far in the month of March we received \$46,647.50 toward our monthly need of \$79,137. Your financial dedication is appreciated.



Online/Mobile Giving – You can make your donations at pslfumc.com by clicking on the easyTithe link, use the easyTithe app or scan the QR code.

Meetings This Week

BLC – Beacon Life Center OC – Outreach Center

Sunday

- 3/16 8:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 3/16 9:30a Contemporary Worship/100, BLC
- 3/16 9:30a Searchers Adult Sunday School/101, BLC
- 3/16 9:30a Children's Sunday School/meet at Oasis
- 3/16 9:30a Mid High Sunday School/2, OC
- 3/16 9:30a High School Sunday School/103, BLC
- 3/16 11:00a Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 3/16 11:00a Pathfinders Adult Sunday School/105, BLC
- 3/16 11:30a Hispanic Worship/100, BLC
- 3/16 6:30p Youth/4, OC

Monday

- 3/17 9:30a Gail Fritz Lent Study/105, BLC
- 3/17 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry/102, BLC
- 3/17 7:00p Administrative Council/101, BLC

Tuesday

- 3/18 9:30a Hispanic Prayer Group/105, BLC
- 3/18 10:00a Food Pantry/2, OC
- 3/18 1:00p Sue Richter Lent Study/Conference Room, BLC
- 3/18 6:30p Worship Team Meeting/101, BLC

Wednesday

- 3/19 6:45a Men's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
- 3/19 10:00a Egg Stuffing Party/101, BLC
- 3/19 10:00a Visitation Team/105, BLC
- 3/19 1:00p UWF Unit Meeting/101, BLC
- 3/19 5:30p Bell Ensemble/Sanctuary
- 3/19 6:30p Pastor's Bible Study/101, BLC
- 3/19 6:30p Disciple II/105, BLC
- 3/19 6:30p Lighthouse Kids/Ark
- 3/19 6:30p Youth/4, OC
- 3/19 7:00p Praise Team/100, BLC

Thursday

- 3/20 9:00a Lighthouse Quilters/101, BLC
- 3/20 9:30a Women's Prayer Group/Conference Room, BLC
- 3/20 10:00a Disciple I/105, BLC
- 3/20 5:30p Hispanic ESL Class/105, BLC
- 3/20 7:00p Choir Practice/Sanctuary
- 3/20 7:00p Hispanic Prayer Service/100, BLC

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30a–4:30p