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# Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise

## Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

Today's Lay Reader: Judy Pine

Welcome

Prelude Balm in Gilead Traditional Spiritual

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at

11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of

the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: We come, ready to experience the strength and glory of

God!

Leader: We come to learn how to love all people, just how Jesus loved

all people.

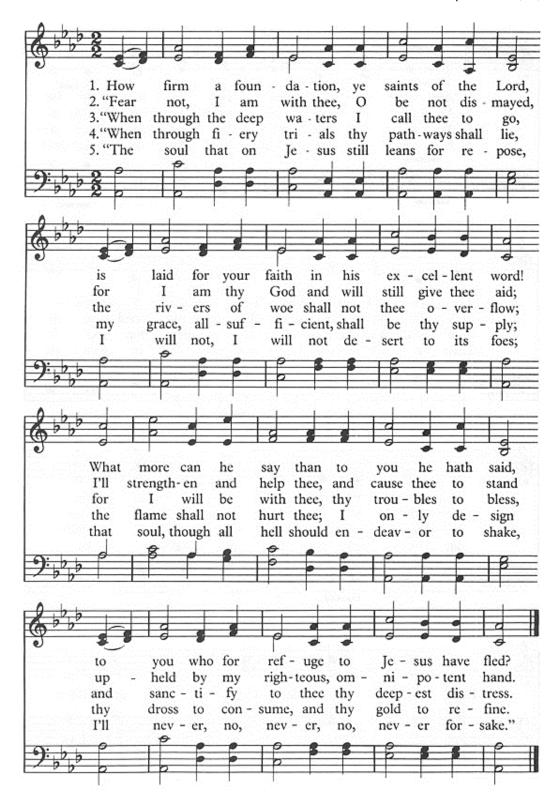
People: We pray that the world will learn about your love through

us!

Hymn

### How Firm a Foundation

(verses 1, 2, and 5)



### **Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, we have come together today in search of knowledge about you and your son Jesus. Clear from our thoughts all distractions, and allow us to focus on you and your Word. Help us to become better at relating to all people whom you put along our paths. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer** 

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**Senior Choir** 

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert M. Martin

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

**Scripture Lesson** 

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding[a] him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Today You Will be With Me in Paradise Message

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Nun Bitten Wir Dietrich Buxtehude



Hymn

Only Trust Him

(verses 1, 2, and 4)



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**Postlude** 

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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