

# STORIES OF BIBLE VICTORIES

February 25, 2026

Theme: *The Triumph of Godly Patience*

## As We Gather

“The history of God’s chosen people is verily written in war stories, and the great steps in their national progress are read in the word Victory. But, as in almost every case, the real victories are not the ones achieved on the battle-field, but those won in the hearts and lives of leader and people; so in these stories, the aim has been to so portray the picture that the moral victory shall leave its impress on the life, and the battle-field be simply the medium for the implanting of the great truth.”  
— Emma A. Robinson, 1907

This Lent we are basing our Lenten series on Emma Robinson’s book “Stories of Bible Victories” from 1907. These are accounts from the Old Testament, looking at the people God used to bring about His Kingdom.

## Prelude

1:00pm Steve SeGraves

7:00pm Rick Helderop

## Opening Hymn 145

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life’s desert dreary, Savior from the world above,  
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner’s fall!  
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.
2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,  
Tho’ we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Thy sinless death hath bro’t us Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner’s stormy breast.
3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!  
May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony  
Till in glory, parted never From the Blessed Savior’s side,  
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

## Invocation

*P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## Children’s Message - 7:00pm

## Lenten Litany

*P: Be still before the Lord*

**C: and wait patiently for him;**

*P: do not fret when people succeed in their ways,*

**C: when they carry our their wicked schemes.**

*P: A little while, and the wicked will be no more;*

**C: though you look for them, they will not be found.** (*Psalm 37:7,10*)

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 26:12-23

Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. So all the wells that his father’s servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth. Then Abimelek said to Isaac, “Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us.” So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled. Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them. Isaac’s servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water there. But the herders of Gerar quarreled with those of Isaac and said, “The water is ours!” So he named the well Esek, because they disputed with him. Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah. He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, “Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land.” From there he went up to Beersheba.

## Gospel Reading

John 7:33-39

Jesus said, “I am with you for only a short time, and then I am going to the one who sent me. You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.” The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? What did he mean when he said, ‘You will look for me, but you will not find me,’ and ‘Where I am, you cannot come?’” On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

## Hymn of the Day

It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

## Refrain

*It is well, it is well with my soul, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul!*

2. My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*
3. And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound,  
And the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

## Sermon

“The Triumph of Godly Patience”

Rev. James H. Greenwalt

Genesis 26:12-23

## Offering - 7:00pm

*(1:00pm offering will be received at the door.)*

*At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today.*

*Instructions are on the back page.*

## Voluntary

1:00pm Via Dolorosa – arr. DeCesare  
Mike Lapinski, *Saxophone*

7:00pm He Was Wounded – Courtney  
Steve SeGraves, *Vocalist*

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 153

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From his sacred veins!
2. Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind!

3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem!

## Postlude

1:00pm Steve SeGraves

7:00pm Rick Helderop

*Thanks and appreciation to:  
Mike Lapinski and Steve SeGraves for providing special music at today’s services.*

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Altar Guild

Kim Martin, Kathy Eley, Karen Pridmore, Rose Kiehle,  
Megan Rettray, Bev Yocum, Tina Conte, Katre Klow,  
Heather Calvaneso, Tracey Fish, Crissy Bienkowski

Acolyte and Crossbearer

7:00pm - Anna Baranowski and Jesse Lee

Audio and Video Operators

7:00pm - Jim Endress and David Hardoin

Lenten Meals Preparation

Lunch: Sponsored and Prepared by "Moms in the Word" Bible Study  
Dinner: Sponsored by The Board of Elders, Prepared by Michelle Margosian

Ushers

1:00pm - Bob Stewart

7:00pm - Ken Baetz, *Captain*; Tom Boyce, Paul Chesna,  
Cliff Clark, Ray Dobring, Bruce Helmke

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There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.



## Stories of Bible Victories

Lent 2026

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### Lent Wednesdays:

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary  
Each Lent service is preceded by a meal:  
Lunch 12:00pm; Dinner 6:00pm  
(Confirmands 5:30pm)

March 4 - *The Triumph of a Long Life*

March 11 - *The Triumph of Faith*

March 18 - *The Triumph Over the Giant*

March 25 - *The Triumph Over Pride*



April 2 - Maundy Thursday - *The Triumph of a Meal*

1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary  
Holy Communion at Both Services

April 3 - Good Friday - *The Triumph of Suffering*

1:00pm and 7:00pm - Sanctuary

April 4 - Easter Eve - 5:00pm - Sanctuary

April 5 - Easter Sunday Services

*The Triumphal Procession*

7:30am with Holy Communion; 9:00am and 10:30am



# THE TRIUMPH OF GODLY PATIENCE

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

1:00pm / 7:00pm

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