



# THE TRIUMPH OF A LONG LIFE

MARCH 4, 2026  
1:00pm / 7:00pm

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# STORIES OF BIBLE VICTORIES

March 4, 2026

Theme: *The Triumph of a Long Life*

## 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 171

Upon the Cross Extended

1. Upon the cross extended, See, world, thy Lord suspended,  
Thy Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven  
Himself hath freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.
2. Come hither now and ponder, ‘Twill will fill thy soul with wonder,  
Blood streams from every pore. Through grief whose depth none  
knoweth,  
From His great heart there floweth Sigh after sigh of anguish o’er.
3. ‘Tis I who should be smitten, My doom should here be written:  
Bound hand and foot in hell. The fetters and the scourging,  
The floods around Thee surging, ‘Tis I who have deserved them well.

## 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: He sent Moses his servant,*

**C: and Aaron, whom he had chosen.**

*P: They performed his signs among them,*

**C: his wonders in the land of Ham.**

*P: He sent darkness and made the land dark –*

**C: for had they not rebelled against his words?**

*P: He turned their waters into blood,*

**C: causing their fish to die.**

*P: Their land teemed with frogs,*

**C: which went up into the bedrooms of their rulers.**

*P: He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,*

**C: and gnats throughout their country.**

*P: He turned their rain into hail,*

**C: with lightning throughout their land;**

*P: he struck down their vines and fig trees*

**C: and shattered the trees of their country.**

*P: He spoke, and the locusts came,*

**C: grasshoppers without number;**

*P: they ate up every green thing in their land,*

**C: ate up the produce of their soil.**

*P: Then he struck down all the firstborn in their land,*

**C: the firstfruits of all their manhood.**

*P: He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold,*

**C: and from among their tribes no one faltered. (Psalm 105:26-37)**

## Old Testament Reading

Numbers 13:26-33

They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan." Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 18:31-34

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again." The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

## **Hymn of the Day 151**

Christ, the Life of All the Living

1. Christ the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe,  
Thro' Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit:  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
3. Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

## **Sermon**

Numbers 13:26-33

"The Triumph of a Long Life"  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

## **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

Gigue, from Concerto Grosso #9 – Handel  
Andrea Kreit, *Violin*

7:00pm

How Deep the Father's Love For Us – Townend  
David Hardoin, *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 158

Glory Be to Jesus

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:  
Andrea Kreit and David Hardoin for providing  
special music at today's services.*

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Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring, Robin Swift,  
Erin Springer, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp, Richelle Pedersen,  
Liz Pedersen, Sandy Springer, Crissy Bienkowski

Acolyte and Crossbearer

7:00pm - Tyler Bassett and Michael Vella

Audio and Video Operators

7:00pm - David Hamada and David Hardoin

Lenten Meals Preparation

Lunch: Sponsored/Prepared by 2024 Advent by Candlelight Committee  
Dinner: Sponsored by The Leadership Team,  
Prepared by Michele Margosian

Ushers

1:00pm - Bob Stewart

7:00pm - Jim Grove, *Captain*; Jim Endress, Cindy Grove,  
David Hamada, Ryan Jones, Peter Pridmore, Eric Stein

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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*

*Written in 1907 by Emma Robinson, these are accounts from the Old Testament looking at the people God used to bring about His Kingdom.*

### **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 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

