

# STORIES OF BIBLE VICTORIES

March 11, 2026

Theme: The Triumph of Faith

## 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 143

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

1. O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession –  
What dark transgression?
2. They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;  
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;  
They crucify Thee.
3. Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;  
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,  
This I do merit.

## 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: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing... Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,*

**C: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.** (Psalm 23:1,6)

*P: The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?*

**C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?** (Psalm 27:1)

*P: Trust in the Lord and do good;*

**C: dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.**

*P: Take delight in the Lord,*

**C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

*P: Commit your way to the Lord;*

**C: trust in him and he will do this.** (Psalm 37:3-5)

*P: God is our refuge and strength,*

**C: an ever-present help in trouble.** (Psalm 46:1)

*P: I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress,*

**C: my God, in whom I trust.”** (Psalm 91:2)

*P: It is better to take refuge in the Lord*

**C: than trust in humans.”** (Psalm 118:8)

*P: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*

**C: for I have put my trust in you.**

*P: Show me the way I should go,*

**C: for to you I entrust my life.** (Psalm 143:8)

## Old Testament Reading

Judges 6:7-13

When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian, he sent them a prophet, who said, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I delivered you from the hand of all your oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their land. I said to you, ‘I am the Lord your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.’ But you have not listened to me.” The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

## Anthem - 1:00pm

Karen Newman, Vocalist

Love Like This – Daigle

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:31-35

Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

## Hymn of the Day 658

Onward Christian Soldiers

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the Foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go!  
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
2. Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
3. Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never ‘Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ’s own promise, And that cannot fail.  
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

## Sermon

The Triumph of Faith  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Judges 6:7-13

## 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 - 7:00pm

Ben Kletzli, Cello

Adoration – Price

## 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

Children of the Heavenly Father

1. Children of the heavenly Father safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish, in His holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Tho’ He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

## Postlude

1:00pm Steve SeGraves

7:00pm Rick Helderop

*Thanks and appreciation to:*

*Karen Newman and Ben Kletzli 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 Grant Schneider

Audio and Video Operators

7:00pm - Bruce Helmke and Greg Merryman

Lenten Meals Preparation

Lunch: Sponsored and Prepared by 2025 Advent by Candlelight Committee

Dinner: Sponsored and Prepared by Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

Ushers

1:00pm - Bob Stewart

7:00pm - Mike Grattan, *Captain*; David Eberly, Bryan Grattan,  
Ron LaLone, Rick McDonald, Eric Rolf, Andrew Tafel

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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 <sup>Lent 2026</sup>

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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 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 FAITH

MARCH 11, 2026  
1:00pm / 7:00pm

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