

Third Sunday in Lent

9:30AM, March 23rd, 2025

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Lord, you are our God.

We will praise you with joyful lips.

Lord, you are our God.

Our souls thirst for you.

Lord, you are our God.

We behold your power and majesty.

Lord, you are our God.

We will bless you all of the days of our lives.

*HYMN “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” **UMH # 348**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed **UMH # 881**

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you from our sinful ways. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

A broken and contrite heart is the acceptable sacrifice to you, O God. And so we come before you today, as sinners in need of your mercy. Grant us your forgiveness, O God. Help us turn from our old ways. Lead us into newness of life, that our actions may be found pleasing in your sight. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The prophet Isaiah tells us that we need only return to the Lord our God, for God is merciful, and forgives our sins.

Your love means more than life to us, O God; we praise you!

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 63:1-8 (NRSV)**

1 O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

6 when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night,

7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

MESSAGE “Our Lenten Journey: Clings to You” **Rev. Dongkue Jee**

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” **UMH # 357**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH # 895**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH # 381

*BENEDICTION Responsive
Turn to the Lord, for God is good.

We have found new life in Christ!

Repent of your sins and find God's forgiveness.

We have found new life in Christ!

Go forth as new creatures, able to serve and quick to love.

We have found new life in Christ!

POSTLUDE

* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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