

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

Contemporary Worship

9:00 a.m.

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Hearts and Hands Offering

CHILDREN'S TIME-Jessica Morgan

(Children through 5th grade exit)

RECEPTION OF PRAYER CARDS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

SERMON

INSTALLATION OF DEACON

Matthew Thomas

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***CLOSING SONG**

***BENEDICTION**

**All who are able, please stand*

A congregational meeting will be held today at 10:00 a.m., in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the 2019 Congregational Nominating Committee members. Immediately following the congregational meeting there will be a presentation from the Endowment Committee.

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Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

We Gather

A quiet time of prayer and preparation for worship.

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

INTROIT *“God Welcomes All”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Cynthia M. Benz

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeri Ross

Leader: Everyone who thirsts:

Ministers: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who are hungry for righteousness:

Ministers: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who need the help of God:

Ministers: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: Let us worship our living God as we continue our Lenten journey together.

*HYMN *“Hear the Good News of Salvation”* p. 441

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, who is to come, Jesus Christ...*(moments of silence)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God’s love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

Ministers: Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him, and in him we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**All who are able, please stand*

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearts and Hands Offering

“Family of God”

We are the family of God, yes, we are the family of God, and God brought us together to be one in Him for God is the light of the world.

We Hear God’s Word

CHILDREN’S TIME Jessica Morgan

(Children through 5th grade exit)

RECEPTION OF PRAYER CARDS Jeri Ross

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 63:1-8 p.458

ANTHEM *“Every Valley”*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 13:1-9 p.848

SERMON Dr. Cynthia M. Benz
“Unreachable. Impossible. Beyond Hope.”

We Respond

*HYMN *“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”* p.703

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Confession of 1967 *(9.14 selected and adapted)*

Wise and virtuous people through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God’s love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God’s forgiveness. Thus all humans fall under God’s judgement. No one is more subject to that judgement than those who assume that they are guiltless before God or morally superior to others. God’s love never changes. God took on judgement and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring people to repentance and new life.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* p.606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

We Depart to Live and Love as Christ’s Disciples

*HYMN *“Rock of Ages”* p. 438

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL PARTING *“Amen”*

*POSTLUDE

Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God and...



In celebration of
great grandson
Josiah’s 8th birthday
by Edie Tebbs



Calendar

Sunday, March 24	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Congregational Meeting Endowment Presentation Educational Hour Traditional Worship Youth
Monday, March 25	9:15 a.m.	Pre-School Chapel
Tuesday, March 26	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pre-School Chapel Painters & Crafters Staff Meeting
Wednesday, March 27	7:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bagels & Bibles Women’s Bible Study Glenn Conner Memorial Service The Story Continues Traditions Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 28	9:00 a.m.	Pre-School Parent Meeting
Friday, March 29	9:00 a.m.	Pre-School Parent Meeting

Remember in Prayer...

Pam Benson, Charlotte Berglund, Gale and Elaine Boylan, Mary Blanchard’s daughter, **family of Glenn Conner**, Larry and Gerry Cook (friends of Judy Klein), Bob Danberg, Roy Hannon (brother of Tish Hubbard), Bob Hiller, Carolyn and Tom Hopper, Dave Keim, Nancy (Linda Martin’s friend), Katie Meredith, Jack and Sylvia Moore, Kathy (Larry/Glenyce Payne’s daughter), Merrylin Opendo, Nolan Perret, Betty Phillips, Bill Salisbury (Tammie Wright’s father), Roger (Judy Schuler’s brother), Robin Soergel, Catherine and Bill Trask, Sue Williams, Patricia Zalusky-Taylor

(Names added this week are in bold.)

PNC
Maryellen Beletti, Wezi Blunt,
Chris Gesdorf, Ryan Gulick,
Alice Harper, Tod McVey, Bruce Neu