

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Traumerei* from *Kinderszenen Op. 15* Schumann

The Call to Worship

Thirsty, our hearts crave living water.

**Hungry, our souls ache to be satisfied. Weary, our minds are tired by thoughts that do not come from God.**

Everyone who is Thirsty, hungry, and weary,

**Come to the waters, seek the Lord.**

Let us worship the God of love.

**Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* 281  
(CWM RHONDAA) Congregation sings verses 1 & 3

\*The Call to Confession

When the time comes to repent, let us not accuse our neighbor, but face the truth within us, and not to belittle or shame, but to seek grace, that we can turn our lives around with God's help.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, though you lovingly tend us, we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit. Our consumption poisons the earth. Our violence threatens our neighbors. Our greed exploits the poor. We must seem a waste of time, but don't give up on us yet, O God. In your power to abundantly pardon, forgive us for the sake of Christ, and instill us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness.**

Hear us now O Lord, as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence).

**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, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, as way through, a way back to God.

**Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ.**

Trust in the good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*The Gloria Patri

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

The Anthem

*What Wonderful Love Is This*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Trevor Manor

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

page 803 OT

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14-16

page 39 NT

The Sermon

"The Betrayal with Coins"

Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith (From A Brief Statement of Faith) Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*The Hymn

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
Congregation sings verses 1 & 2

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The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*  
Arranged and sung by Collin Whitfield

\*The Doxology

**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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude *Sonata No. 20, Op 49, 1<sup>st</sup> mov. (abr)* Beethoven

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**Liturgist:** Karen Schadel

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Good news! Following updated CDC guidelines, masking in the church is optional. Please be aware that unmasking is always contingent upon upgraded or downgraded guidelines. We will be looking forward to seeing your face this Sunday! (of course, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask,

that is acceptable).

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Missions Committee Update



For the month of March, our mission focus will be the **Old Town Baby Pantry**, which helps parents who need a hand with items for their new babies. We will have a crib set up in the hallway to accept any items that would be useful to new babies. Some of the suggested items include sleepers, onesies, outfits, snowsuits/jackets (all size 0-9 months), crib sheets, receiving blankets, hooded towels, wash cloths bibs, bottles, newborn diapers, wipes, diaper bags, shampoo/baby wash, baby powder, lotions, bassinets, pack'n'plays, highchairs, bouncy seats. We will be collecting items **through March 27th**.

## Old Town Soup Kitchen

For those who are interested in volunteering at the Old Town Soup Kitchen, please see the signup sheet on the mission table. We will have a rotating schedule the first week of each month. Old Town Christian Outreach is a wonderful organization committed to helping those in need. It's a lot of fun, a little hard work, great fellowship, and the spirit of helping others!

## Scholarship Applications



The scholarship applications for interested students are available in the church office. There are 2 scholarships available to everyone, the Muriel Lakey scholarship and the Mary Ann Geiersbach scholarship, and a special scholarship available to anyone attending Alma College. Qualifications and guidelines will be attached to the application. **The due date for returning applications is April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## Easter Flowers

We will decorate our sanctuary this year with Easter Lilies for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of someone, please call the office @ 792-1023 or sign-up at the table in the main hallway. There will be an envelope on the table for your payment. Flowers are in 8" pots with foil and a bow for \$11 each and **must be ordered** by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Easter Sunday is April 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Wednesday Lenten Services

During the Season of Lent, the weekly Wednesday Worship service will be in person and live streamed at 6:30 p.m. The focus is The Symbols of Lenten Journey. Below is the Weekly Words with Scriptures:

**Week 3-March 23 "The Coins" John 2:13-22**

**Week 4- March 30 "The Sandals" Exodus 3:1-6 & Mark 6:6b-13**

**Week 5-April 6 "The Oil" Psalm 23 & Matthew 26:6-13**

**Week 6- April 13 "The Coats, Towel, Thorns" Luke 19:29-40**

## Prayer Group

You are invited to come to Prayer Group. We meet Thursday mornings at 8:30 in the library. We hope you can come to help us pray for those in need.

## Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our second-ever drive-thru Fish Fry on **Friday, April 8, 2022!** Please keep an eye on the church Facebook page so you can share the event!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. Sign-up sheets are in the main hallway. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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Thank you for your support!