



The Third Sunday  
in Lent  
March 23, 2025



## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“What Wondrous Love”

Niedmann

Welcome

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

When we call upon the Lord, God comes to us to save us.

**God’s amazing love endures forever.**

When our hearts are troubled, God comes to us with blessings.

**God’s extravagant love endures forever.**

When our spirits struggle and are discouraged, God comes to us with healing.

**God’s generous love endures forever.**

When our lives are overwhelmed, God comes as a courageous Spirit.

**God’s forgiving love endures forever.**

## Songs of Praise

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| “Ten Thousand Reasons”              | #559                   |
| “Be Still My Soul”                  | von Schlegel, Sibelius |
| “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” | #746                   |

## Prayer of Confession

God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been short sighted, and we are humbled and sorry. Help us to turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## Proclaiming the Word

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| Scripture Reading | Micah 6:1-8 | Carol Foss |
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| Time for Young Disciples |  | Chris Watkins |
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| Scripture Reading | Luke 6:12-26 |  |
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| Sermon | “Learning from History” | Pastor Matt |
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# Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

“Blessed Are They”

#117

## Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed *(11 am)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering

### Song of Praise

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

## Prayer of Dedication

## Reception of New Members *(11 am)*

Ben & Therese Carroll

John & Josie Davis

## Prayers of the People

### 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.

# Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn                      “We Are People on a Journey”                      #142

Benediction

Postlude                              Reflection on “Azmon”                              Lasky

## Leading in Today’s Service

*Worship Leaders:* Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Carol Foss

*Pianist/Organist:* Anna Nichols

*Worship Music Team (varies):* Iantha Frazer, Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Dick Chambers

*Media Team (varies):* Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Michele Haworth, Wayne Brown, Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair, Jodee Force, Mark Wendt, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Sadie Miller

*Slides:* Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

## Next Sunday’s Worship - March 30, 2025, 4th Sunday in Lent

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40, \*Luke 6:27-38, “Seek Mercy”; Pastor Matt is preaching.

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:26). This saying of Jesus’ sounds simple enough, right? All we have to do is practice the same mercy toward others that God has granted us: loving friends and enemies alike, withholding judgment, and offering all that we have for the welfare of others... Well, maybe it isn’t so simple after all. Still, if it is impossible for us to love our enemies and seek their welfare, then we have to wonder why Jesus would ask this of us in the first place. What are the first steps toward being merciful in the manner Jesus instructs us? The answer lies in the heart of the Lenten discipline of confession and repentance.

## Last Sunday’s Attendance (3/16/25)

8:30 am - 55, 11 am - 50, Online - 36