Third Sunday in Lent March 19, 2023



Presiding Minister: The Rev. Christopher Frye Assisting Minister: Bob Huss

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Greeters: Dudley & Karen Gayman Altar Guild: Paul & Dolly Oyler Ushers: Lois Gibson & Terry Messer

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Open the Eyes of My Heart Paul Baloche

OPENING HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

I Samuel 16:1-13

PSALM Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. R

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Spoken in unison; please stand.)

Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41

SERMON

SILENCE

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving.

While many of us have been accustomed to giving in the offering plate, because of the pandemic, there are other ways: through the mail or with Vanco online.

However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

CHOIR ANTHEM

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Mathieson/ Martin

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Mine Eyes Are Unto Thee

Benton Price

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and Praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

ELW190

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 520, 722, 807, 773

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION SONG

Now, Lord

ELW 201

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

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Sunday 8:45 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion with Rite of Healing

Wednesday I I:00 a.m. (Chapel)

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