



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024

10:00 am

We are experimenting with **NOT** standing for hymns and responses during Lent.

Bold indicates congregational response.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE LENTEN CANDLES

Emily Davis

Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Instrumental Music

Northside Handchimes Choir

PRAYER OF PRAISE

HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Merciful God, we have too often not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus, but we fail to follow his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. Too often, we seek our own selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ.

(silence)

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/PASSING OF THE PEACE* 221

**What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL – John 17:9-19 (selected verses) Sandy Hancock

OFFERING OF MUSIC Adult Choir
“Ah, Holy Jesus”

EPISTLE – Philippians 1:3-11

SERMON Dr. Linda Dickerson
“Partners in God’s Grace”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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

**... Christ has died, Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.**

... 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.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.**

**There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.**

Prayer after communion: **Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we now go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, into the wilderness if needed, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* 39

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 543

**God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

CHURCH POT LUCK DINNER – *All are invited!*

*To those who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray,
and to all who do not, but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
"Welcome."*