

March 3, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE "Sarabande in c" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

From water to wilderness:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

On stone and in hearts:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

for where he is, we would be also.

John 12:26

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Cor. 12:9; 1 Cor. 1:25; John 2:15-21

+**HYMN:** GTG #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

how fickle we are;

we sin against you without even knowing it.

Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,

and save us from willfully ignoring your way.

Let your commandments rule and guide us.

Forgive us for worshipping anyone or anything except you;

keep us faithful.

Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—

with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.

Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,

rather than words that belittle or destroy.

Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.

Forgive us for thinking everything depends

on our efforts and power,

for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery,

and has brought us into the community of faith.

Help us to depend on you alone

and to rest in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... with God and with one another!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Partake of the bread when it comes to you,
mindful of your communion with Christ.
Hold the cup and we will all drink together,
mindful of our communion with one another.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, gracious God,

for giving us bread for the journey

of these forty days.

As we travel on through the wilderness

help us to share your grace with others

and draw us ever closer to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Minuet in g" Bach

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
(Germany, 1563)

62. Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of our righteousness?

Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are imperfect and stained with sin.

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 20:1-17 O.T. page 51

PSALM Psalm 19 O.T. page 386

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 N.T. page 127

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:13-22 N.T. page 71

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Deut. 6:6

Keep these words in your heart.

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Speak and We Will Hear" Martin / Stevens

SERMON "Covenant Three: Moses and the Law" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #826 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

+**CHARGE** Ps. 19:1-4

... as it is spoken in the world around you. **Amen.**

+**BLESSING**

... now and forever. **Alleluia!**

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

POSTLUDE "Prelude no. 8" Debussy

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.**

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Suzanne Lang

Communion Servers: Greg and Suzanne Lang,

Debbie Shellenbarger, Steve Sowles

Greeters: Rex Hauser and Mary Garland Jackson

Next Week's Greeters: Susan Chien and Marge Welch

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by

Ginnie Gibson

in memory of

Barb and LesLee Gibson

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#74. Epistle of Jude:

This letter's author may have been a brother of the James who led the church in Jerusalem. If so, then the writer was also a brother of Jesus.

It is difficult to date.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 129. What is meant by the third petition, "Your will be done, on earth as in heaven"?

Of course, God's will is always done, and will surely come to pass, whether we desire it or not. But the phrase "on earth as in heaven" means that we ask for the grace to do God's will on earth in the way that it is done in heaven — gladly and from the heart. We thus ask that all opposition to God's will might be removed from the earth, and especially from our own hearts. We ask for the freedom to conform our desires and deeds more fully to God's, so that we might be completely delivered from our sin. We yield ourselves, in life and in death, to God's will.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	The Gathering (youth event)	6:00 pm
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Bridge Builders for Racial Atonement	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship (Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (<i>children/youth</i>)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Family Game Night	6:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS

Connie Cantrell	Mar. 3	Ruth Sablich	Mar. 5
Ben Pinches	Mar. 6	Travis Archer	Mar. 7
Jacob Castle	Mar. 8		

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The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)