

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Theme: Bridging to the Future: Reflecting with Humility and Anticipation



“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

GATHERING

Prelude: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross with There Is a Redeemer”
Anna Laura Page

Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-7 The rock of our salvation

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: We come into God’s presence with thanksgiving; we come to make a joyful noise to our God with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD our God is a great God and great above all other gods.

People: In God’s hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are also God’s.

Leader: The sea is God’s, for God made it, and the dry land, which alone God’s hands have formed.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Leader: For this God is alone our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.

People: O that today we would listen to this voice!

*Hymn: #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Prayer of the Day including the Ecumenical Lord’s Prayer

Eternal God, from the beginning of time, you have called your children into communion with you. We confess like all the rest those times we turn to our own way and fail to follow the path of love and grace. Restore us to the joy of

knowing You and of recognizing Your reign among us. Help us to cling to Your good news, both to live it and share it.

On this Lenten Sunday, we thank you, O God, that You have given us an enduring hope—one which cannot disappoint or mislead us. We give thanks that through faith You enter every believing heart and make us new. Help us to lay aside unfruitful works and instead put on the armor of salvation. Grant that our faith matches our works that we may be kept for fully alive....

We lift before You, O God, those who cannot pray or are too troubled pray. In needs known only to You, be a very present help in their times of trouble, even as in our own. We offer up them and ourselves to the One who grants new and abundant life to us and our world. Praise be to Your name, even as we pray as Jesus taught,

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.” AMEN

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear now these words of assurance spoken by Isaiah the prophet: “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Thanks be to God

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Special Music – “Come, Thou Fount” (*reprise*)

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11 Reconciled to God and John 4:5-32
The Woman at the Well (*not read*)

Sermon: **“The Best Way to Boast”**

Special Music – “The Sweet Sound of Grace”

Hymn - #649 “Amazing Grace”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Steadfast God of Hope, you have called us to rejoice—not in ease or achievement—but in the grace that sustains us even through suffering. From you we receive the love that meets us in struggle, and the hope that does not disappoint. Your Spirit pours into our hearts, shaping us into a people who give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. Whenever we bring our gifts, may they testify to your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation You offer the world. Make us bold in our sharing, joyful in our worship, and confident in your grace. In the name of the One who died for us and lives within us, we pray. AMEN

Prayers of the People

* Hymn - #649 “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go now in the blessing of God's mercy that companions us all on the journey.

People: We go with open hearts to receive and share God's steadfast love until all creation resonates with the joy of new life. AMEN

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude:

“Fantasia on ‘Salvation’”

David Paxton

(Please remain seated)

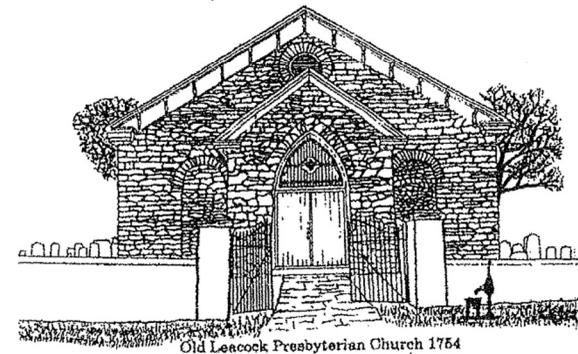
The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

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