

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

Theme:

Leaning into Lent



“We don’t make our plans the way the world makes theirs; God makes us remain strong marked as God’s own.” 2 Corinthians 1:17, 21-22

### *GATHERING*

Announcements and Greeting

*Prelude:* “My Song Is Love Unknown” Dale Wood  
(based on Hymn #209)

Invocation

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Turn our thoughts away from the busyness of the world, O Christ.

**People: Turn our minds to you, O Christ.**

Leader: Turn our heart’s away from the desires of this world;

**People: Turn our love towards one another and you, O Christ.**

Leader: Turn our whole selves away from the ways of this world;

**People: Turn us to love compassion, and justice, O Christ.**

Leader: In this time of worship, may we be one in spirit, mind, and body,

**People: Worshiping the One who calls us to love. AMEN**

\*Hymn: #169 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (see download)

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Almighty God, we have played your role. We have judged others severely, choosing to condemn and curse rather than bless. We have dwelt on offense in the face of words hard to hear, when labeling others is easier than knowing who they are. We have gloated when someone’s end seems fitting to us.**

**Forgive us for our short-sightedness and self-righteousness. Remind us all that we have failed to live into Your image, often neglecting our neighbors and scorning our enemies. Forgive us, and call us into repentance. Create in us new**

**hearts that are free from the need to judge. Create in us new minds to seek Your wisdom, minds that are free from the desire to seek our own gain and satisfaction.**

**Fill us with the spirit of compassion to move towards the welfare of others instead of selfish gain. In the name of Christ, who was holy and yet died as one of us, we pray. AMEN**

*Assurance of Pardon*

**\*Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

### *PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

*Anthem:* “Wondrous Love ” Anna Laura Page

Children’s Sermon

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn: #293 “Loving Spirit” (see download)

*Scripture Reading:* 2 Corinthians 1:17b-22 and Luke 6:20-31

Sermon “Shaping Up for the Future”

### *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

\*Affirmation of Faith The Psalm of the Day - Psalm 63

**You, God, are our God; we seek you earnestly. We thirst for you; our whole being longs for you as in a dry and parched land where there is no water. We have seen you in the sanctuary and behold your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, our lips will glorify you. We will praise you as long as we live, and in your name we will lift up our hands. Because you are our help, we will cling to you; your right hand upholds us. This is the faith we believe and affirm.**

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

**Prayer of Thanksgiving – Thank You, God, for being so generous to us. For showing us what life is and how to love. Through these gifts we dedicate all that we are and all that we have to your service. In Jesus’ name, AMEN**

The Peace of Christ

\*Hymn: #738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (see download)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Jesus, Lead Thou On” Gordon Young

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

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

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Lewis Bryson; Husband,  
Father and Grandfather on your birthday. We miss you, and we thank God for  
all our Wonderful Memories  
Given by your wife Ruth and your family**

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Bob & Margy Hershey**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



**One Great Hour of Sharing**

Please use the envelopes in the pews or just put your offering in a plain envelope and label it for One Great Hour of Sharing and place it in the offering plate.

**PASTOR PROFILE RESPONSES**

You may place your Pastor Profile Responses in the box at the rear of the sanctuary or in the pastor's slot outside the office door. Extra copies are available at the back or on the table in the Narthex. Please respond by April 3rd. If you took only one copy for your household, we welcome individual responses.

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