

Third Sunday in Lent
Theme — Depths of Love: God Draws Near

Sunday, March 3, 2024



GATHERING

Prelude: “Meditation on “The Lord’s My Shepherd” Mary McDonald

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Lenten travelers, why are you here?

People: We gather to do the work of worship.

Leader: Lenten travelers, so what happens when we gather to worship?

People: We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

Leader: Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship, for indeed “liturgy” is the work of the people?

People: We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

Leader: Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

People: God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

Leader: Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

People: We have come to worship God together! AMEN

*Hymn: #418 “Softly and Tenderly”

* Prayer of the Day

Holy God, continuing in the Lenten Season, we offer our humility and anticipation. As days lengthen and the good earth warms, so may our hearts. Wake us up to those needs we are too prideful to name or confess. At times it is easy to miss what is essential and most sustaining. Even when naming needs within and around us, we might not see as we are called to see. Give us in this season fresh vision and renewed understanding. Whether we are working

on solutions or uncertain where to begin, whether for our church, within our families or our community, guide us in the way we should go. In Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit. Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN

Assurance of Pardon - #444 “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”
“Forgive our sins as we forgive,' you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Psalm 130” Paul Manz

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:18-25 and John 2:13-22

Sermon: “The Tables Are Turning”

*Hymn: #79 “Light Dawns in a Weary World”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God who pours out all, though we have done nothing to earn your favor, yet You are gracious to grant it. You pour out the gifts of grace and mercy upon us every day we live, and yet we too often stumble over our lack of trust. Because You set us back on our feet, therefore we offer our renewed commitment to follow you into the kingdom. With grateful hearts we pray, AMEN.

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #358 “Steal Away”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” 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

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Family this week: Austin, Kristin, Finley & Kasen Hayes

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of My Daughter Beth
Given by Shirley Musselman**

Announcements

Tonight’s **Lenten Study** is “I Am the Light of the World” John 8:12 and more. Join us at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for soup and bread with study time following.

Our annual **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering continues and runs until Easter Sunday, March 31. Envelopes will be in the pews for this or just use a white envelope and mark it One Great Hour of Sharing.

Chancel Choir will rehearse this morning following worship.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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