

## Prayers and Praises

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## Third Sunday in Lent March 20, 2022 9:00am

**Prelude** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (Duke Street) *arr. by Robert A. Hobby*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. We are so glad you are here! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. To learn more about us please speak to the pastor or one of the ushers. **Masking and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those you love.**)*

### Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
13-Mar	49	\$1,921.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
03/07--03/11/22	0	\$667.11	ONLINE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK 3/07--3/11/22
		<b>\$2,588.11</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. They are our unsung heroes.

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### Announcements

**Lit candle is brought in reminding us of Christ in our Midst.**

#### \*Call to Worship

*Phil Shepherd, Liturgist*

We come, seeking our God.

**Every morning, every day, every evening,  
every moment, God is with us.**

We come, hungering for Christ.

**Jesus will feed us with hope,  
replacing our emptiness with grace.**

We come, thirsting for the Spirit.

**Who fills our yearning for peace,  
ending the drought of justice.**

**We come, rejoicing in the love of our life-giving God.**

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

God of steadfast love,  
imagining the ages:

Jesus, friend of the poor,  
envisioning a new world order;

Spirit of discernment,  
enriching our lives;

**God in Community, Holy in One,  
nurturing us with steadfast grace,  
we bless you and praise now and forever, Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn GTG #415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

*(words and music are on the screen.)*

*Carol Wetzel, Song Leader*

### **\*Call to Confession**

Do we think that because we have spoken hurtfully, or failed to help, or left God behind as we travel through our days, that God forgets us? God's love is as constant as the sun; God's forgiveness is as sure as the stars in the night sky. With new insight let us confess our sins to God and one another.

### **\*Confession**

The thirsty come,  
**and we offer lead-filled water;**  
the hungry come,  
**and we offer a single can from  
our overflowing pantries;**  
the lonely come,  
**and we cling to our cliques;**  
the broken come,  
**and we hand them an aspirin;**  
the needy come,  
**but we have wasted everything  
on stuff we do not need.**

**Have mercy on us, Steadfast love, and pour your heart into our grace-parched souls. As you have been with us in every moment, may we be with all those around us. May we listen to the needs and hearts of others, even as you lean down to listen to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

### *Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **\*Creed**

The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples.

**The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls all people to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their families and the advancement of the common welfare.**

The church encourages those forces in human society that raise hopes for better conditions and provide people with opportunity for a decent living.

**A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.**

*The Confession of 1967, 9.46 (alt)*

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 55:1-9

**New Testament Lesson:** Luke 13:1-9

### **Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**\*Hymn #281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**Message** "Beyond Monochrome"

*Pastor Ken Locke*

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Minute for Mission** "Village Enterprise"

*Roger Rigterink*

#### **The Offering**

Offering: "Restoration" *arranged by William A. McNair*  
*(We encourage you to share from your abundance to support the ministries and outreach of our church. You may give in person during the service, mail your check to our church office or give electronically through our website.)*

**\*Offertory #428** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs 1)

**\*Closing Hymn #423** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

#### **\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Refrain: GTG #542** God, Be with You Till we Meet Again (vs. 1)  
*(words and music are on the screen)*

**Postlude** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*arranged by Wilbur Held*