

March 12, 2023: 9:00 am  
Third Sunday of Lent

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude:** Nettleton Intro *arr. by J. Pert Carlson*  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *arr. by Dale Wood*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship** *Pete Wills*

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving! Let us sing to the rock of our salvation.

**Even in the deserts of our lives, God is among us.**

**Even when our own wells run dry, God's living water is constantly flowing.**

**Together, we worship our thirst-quenching God.**

**\*Prayer**

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

**Help us to hear your word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn PH 356 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

*Laurie Christie, Cantor*

*Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like “Ebenezer” (1 Samuel 7:12) Hebrew for “a stone of help” set up to give thanks for God’s assistance.*

**\*Call to Confession**

God does not wait for us to be righteous, or pure, or perfect. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. We do not have to hide our sin from God, but can face it with Jesus, who heals us, teaches us, and leads us to new life.

**\*Confession**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*Silent Confession*

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope,

**and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts.**

In Jesus the Christ, God’s love has been poured into our hearts.

**In Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Responding to God's Grace:**

As forgiven people, let us faithfully live the truth we have learned and believe.

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for such end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory.**

*(The Scots Confession, 1650, Chapter 1: God)*

**God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Old Testament Lesson** Exodus 17:1-7

**New Testament Lesson** John 4:5-42

**Hymn GTG 626** "As the Deer" (2x, remain seated)

*This praise chorus begins as a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1 and later incorporates parts of Psalm 28:7. In some early Christian communities, people chanted or sang Psalm 42 on their way to be baptized, and many early Christian baptisteries were decorated with deer drinking water.*

**Children's Time**

**Sermon** "Meet Me at the Well"

## We Respond to God's Word

### 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.

Offering "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You" *arr. by Michael Cox*

\*Offertory PH 592 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Offertory Prayer

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

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Refrain GTG 542 "God Be with you Till We Meet Again"  
vs. 1

Postlude God of Grace *arr. Paul Manz*

*"Lent can be a time for many things, including becoming aware of our thirst. Are you spiritually thirsty? Do you know someone who is spiritually parched? Who maybe doesn't know that they are? We encourage you to stop at the table in the Narthex and light a candle of prayer. Perhaps a candle of prayer for someone who needs spiritual drink. Perhaps a candle of prayer for your own thirst. Perhaps a candle of prayer that God's living water of love will flow abundantly upon the earth."*

## **This Week at Church**

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am

### **03.12 Third Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time**

Worship

Pastor Ken will lead us in worship.

Sanctuary & Zoom

10:15am

Fellowship Time

10:15-11:15am

Growing Connections

Adults - Lenten Book Study – Parlor (Hybrid)

Children/Youth – Gathering Room

11:30-12:30pm

Lenten Lunches

4:00-5:00pm

Learning Team

6:00-7:30pm

Boy Scout Troop 702 Meeting

### **Monday**

10:00-11:00am

### **03.13**

Staff Meeting

6:00pm

FMSC Planning Meeting

### **Tuesday**

7:00-8:00pm

### **03.14**

Confirmation

### **Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am

### **03.15**

Men's Breakfast

10:15-11:15am

Lenten Book Study

4:30-5:30pm

Hand Bell Practice

6:30-7:30pm

Bingo (Zoom)

6:30-7:30pm

Endowment

### **Thursday**

1:00-2:00pm

### **03.16**

Growing Connections Planning

### **Friday**

7:00-9:00pm

### **3.17**

Cribbage

### **Saturday**

9:00-12:00pm

### **03.18**

Table Tennis

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am

### **03.19 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Worship

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## PRAYERS

Brian C.

Liam A.

Gary G.

Jerry and Mary H.

Pat D.

Chastity G. and Joan S.

Gib D.

Jolene S. – Sister and her husband

Arnold L.

Lynn K. \*

Pauline W.

Carol W. \*\*

Jesse F.

Mike Frize

Silas W.

Sheryl Brown

Uncle Dick\*\*\*

\*Lynn is battling 2 different cancers. She is an RN & grandmother of 3 and would appreciate all prayers. Lynn is a friend of Laurie Christie.

\*\* Carol would appreciate prayers as she continues her journey for breast cancer treatment.

\*\*\*Uncle Dick is recovering from a serious illness. He is Laurie C.'s uncle.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

## E-Giving

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## Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
MARCH 05, 2023	<b>100 IN THE PEW!</b>	\$3,708.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
MARCH 05, 2023		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
02/27--03/03/23		\$2,856.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
02/27--03/03/23		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$6,564.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$48,451.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
3/5/2023	<b>06 Households</b>		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 03/05/2023



## Easter Flower Order Form

Easter flowers will be ordered to beautify our sanctuary.  
Your order form and money must be in the office by **March 12**.  
The flower order will be placed on March 13.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR of \_\_\_\_\_

In MEMORY of \_\_\_\_\_

In CELEBRATION of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily \$16.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Chrysanthemum Daisy \$16.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    I will be picking up my flowers  
after church, April 9, 2023.

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### Office

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Cash/Check \_\_\_\_\_ Pick Up:    Y    N