



March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE "Jesus Lover of My Soul" *Joseph Perry, Arr. by Tedd Smith*
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" *Johann Cruger, Arr. by Tedd Smith*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT..... "God of Grace and God of Glory"
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❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, you are our God;

our souls thirst for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

We have looked upon you in the sanctuary;

We have seen your power and glory.

Our lips will praise you as long as we live;

We lift up our hearts and call on your name.

Come, let us worship God!

❖ **HYMN** "God Is Here!" **#409**
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❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Eternal God, though you lovingly tend us, we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit. Our consumption poisons the earth. Our violence threatens our neighbors. Our greed exploits the poor. We must seem a waste of time, but don't give up on us yet, O God. (a time for silent confession) Merciful God, in your power to abundantly pardon, forgive us for the sake of Christ, and imbue us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord of light and salvation, let these words of Scripture live not only in our mouths, but in our hearts, that we will embody your truth and confess with our lives that Jesus is Lord. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE Mark 15:16-24, pg. 1452
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION "Carrying Jesus' Cross" The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

CHORAL ANTHEM....."I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
(African American spiritual, arr. by David M. Cherwien)

2nd SCRIPTURE Mark 15:25-32, pg. 1453
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ... "Come Down from the Cross"... The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖**HYMN** "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" **#223**
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❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from The Theological Declaration of Barmen*)
Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY Genevan Psalter (*Public Domain*)..... **#606**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

❖ **HYMN** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" **#727**
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❖SENDING FORTH

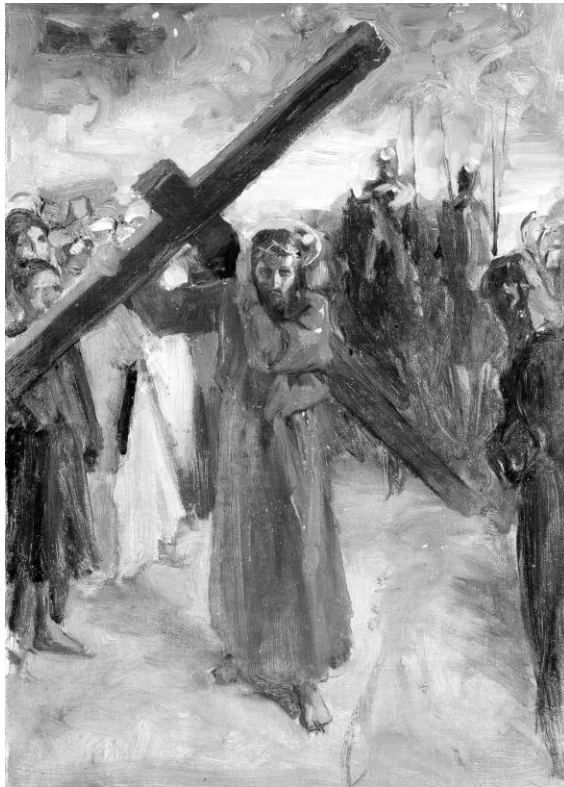
POSTLUDE..... "This Is My Father's World" *Franklin L. Sheppard, Arr. by Tedd Smith*

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Margaret Shrigley

Greeter: Larry Evans

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman



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