

Worship Service ~ March 23, 2025, 9:00

Third Sunday in Lent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Ted & Pam Lautzenheiser
in honor of Ted's birthday March 16.

PRELUDE "Living Waters" FAME singers, Linda Burk director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG ACS #922 *WHEN WE ARE TESTED* stz 1, 2, 4

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. ~*Silence for Reflection*~

L: Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

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PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

C: 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, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Lenten Prayer"* from *Salve Regina* by Pergolesi; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

R: A reading of Psalm 63.

Psalm 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *NOTHING IN ALL CREATION*

R: A Gospel reading from the 13th chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 13:1-9

13 At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SONG OF THE DAY ACS #925 *BEAUTIFUL THINGS*

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter



MUSICAL OFFERING “*Kyrie Eleison*”

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OFFERTORY ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, + and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #618 *GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER*

stz 1, 2, 3

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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