



First  
Presbyterian  
CHURCH SALINA

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026



\*for those who wish to stand  
**Bold** print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Rev. Sarah A. Speed / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Phil Price

\*please sign the act of friendship pad

BREATH PRAYER

*Inhale: "We honor our mortality."*

*Exhale: "Hope is written in the ashes."*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: If you need good news,

**All: settle into this space. We have good news to share.**

One: If you need a word of hope,

**All: then trust us when we say, *there is hope enough to go around.***

One: If you need a glimmer of joy,

**All: then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.**

One: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

**All: then know that this is God's house.**

One: This is the good news of the gospel.

**All: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. 5,000 can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray.**

*TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION*

### WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved. The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:

**All: today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God. We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone. What good, *good* news. Amen!**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Gloria Patri*

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.***

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

Joseph Coachman

***This, this is where children belong. Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:20-21

Page 260 NT

One: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*I Shall Not Want*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:32-44

Page 58 NT

One: This is God's word to us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Together, the Impossible Is Possible"

Phil Price

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH     A Sanctified Art

**All: I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Only God*

McDonald

\*DOXOLOGY

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD**

\*SENDING HYMN God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Chancel flowers given by Heidi Paquin in honor of Julie Paquin's 80th birthday!*

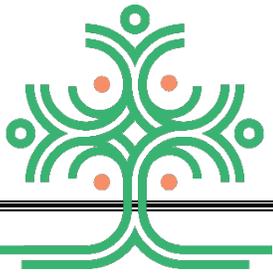


**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:**

Worship Assistant: *Will Exline*

Hospitality Host: *Betty Norman*

Ushers: *Brian & Kendi Carlgren*



## Weekly Glance

**SUNDAY, March 8:** 11:15am – Adult Class

**MONDAY, March 9:** 12:00pm – Soundbites

**TUESDAY, March 10:** 12:00pm – Lent Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, March 11:** Salina Grace meal prep & serve

4:00pm – FBI

6:30pm – God Squad

6:30pm – Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, March 12:** 7:00am – HeBrews

**SUNDAY, March 15:** 9:00am – Adult Class

10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

11:15am – Adult Class

## Looking Forward



**MARCH 9th SPEAKER**

**Jaclyn Crow**

Economic and Workforce  
Development Director,  
Salina Area Chamber of  
Commerce



Walking with Jesus



A Lenten Journey  
Guided by the Gospel of Luke  
Donald L. Griggs

**LENTEN  
BIBLE STUDY**

**TUESDAY'S 12:00PM**

**FEB 24 - MAR 31**

**CONFERENCE ROOM**

**\$10/BOOK**

15 YEARS OF LOVE AND GRATITUDE



GREATER SALINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
**MATCH MADNESS**

**DONATE**

**MARCH  
12**



**Fill the  
FREEZER**

Tuesday

*March 24*

**5:00 - 7:00PM**

**Kitchen**

RUB-A-DUB-DUB!

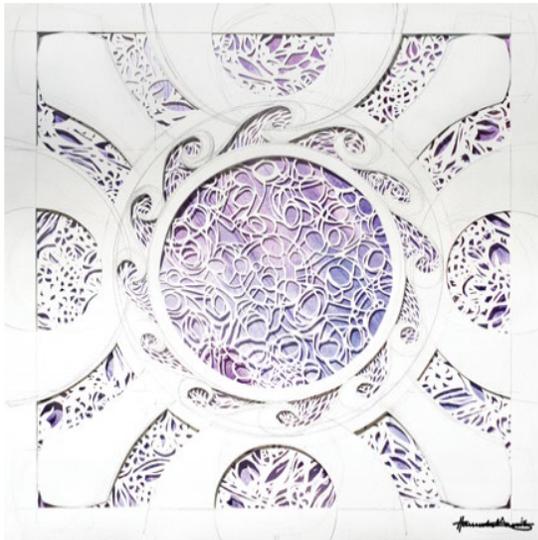
*There's a new baby to love!*

JOIN US FOR COOKIES AND A DIAPER SHOWER  
FOR PARKER AND JACK FREELAND  
TO WELCOME BROOKS OLIVER-LEE

SUNDAY MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>  
AFTER WORSHIP IN THE PARLOR

THE FREELANDS PREFER MILLIE MOON AND HUGGIES BRAND DIAPERS  
(SIZE 2+) AND GENTLE/SCENT-FREE WIPES

 Third Sunday in Lent  
**the good news is...** together, the impossible is possible



## Scarce Abundance

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Mark 6:32-44

18"x18" Paper lace with watercolor

In this account from Mark, Jesus had compassion.<sup>11</sup> This word, *splagchnizomai* in Greek, comes from the root *splagchnon* (meaning "bowels") which has a sense of a visceral, gut-level form of compassion. It intrigues me that this deep, embodied compassion prompted Jesus to teach.

Leading up to this moment, Jesus is trying to get away, to rest. His disciples row him toward the people; however, he is compelled by compassion to teach. As he is teaching, I imagine the crowd turning to one another—*What did he say?*—

repeating his words, passing them along.

In this artwork, the elements of the story are framed in a stained glass window design. Centered, the people gather in circles, passing the scarcely abundant food to one another. Waves encircle the crowd, representing the twelve disciples. The outer architectural elements portray the twelve baskets full of pieces of bread and fish—a representation of abundance from scarcity, powered by collective belief.

Jesus did not have a microphone. It was the people in the front who passed the still, small voice of God back to those behind them. It was the people in the front who passed more than enough food back to those who were hungry. In our propaganda-filled global information system, we must remember: God is not holding the mic. God is present in the still, small voice and in the smallest offerings, multiplying one by one. The message, the compassion, the corners of bread, and the pieces of fish all return in abundance. —Hannah Garrity

## Look

*In the artwork, waves represent the twelve disciples.*

*Why do you think the artist rendered the disciples this way?*



## Far More Abundantly

by Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Ephesians 3:20-21

11"x14" Hand-carved block printed with oil-based ink on paper, with gold leaf detail

I read this Ephesians text alongside the feeding of the five thousand. I placed Jesus at the center of the image,<sup>12</sup> but he did not feed the crowds alone. He asked his disciples to offer what they had. They responded with meager resources, yet those small gifts were enough.

Through the lens of Ephesians, if Jesus were to ask us today what we have to give, our answer would be:

*We have the power you have given us to do the impossible. The same power that turned five loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands—with leftovers—empowers us “to accomplish far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine.”*

Do we allow this truth to settle into our bones and animate our actions?

I’ll admit, I tried to avoid this passage because it felt overly optimistic in light of today’s world. People still go hungry. Wars rage. The earth groans under our misuse. Yet if we reimagine the systems we created, studies show it is possible for every human being to have what they need.<sup>13</sup> That would require massive restructuring, international cooperation, and the reallocation of resources—but not more than we already possess. We don’t need a miracle of multiplication. We simply need to use what we’ve been given.

In a world convinced of scarcity, this is astonishingly good news. We already have enough. And as my mentor used to say, “*Enough is abundance.*” What will we do with this abundance? Is it too lofty to dream of a world that sustains all of life? Perhaps. Yet I believe it is God’s own desire that all may have life, and have it abundantly.<sup>14</sup> This is the work before us, accomplished through the power at work within us, through Jesus Christ. Amen. —Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

## Look

Consider the archway and what it could symbolize. Do you see a table, a tablet, a boat, a door, a tomb—or all of these things or something else?

<sup>12</sup> In the center of the image, Jesus raises his arms and breaks bread. Above Jesus’ hands is a mustard seed. Surrounding the baskets are thin line carvings of mustard flowers. Like the seed, we may be small, but we hold so much potential inside of us. Surrounding the archway are twelve baskets of seven loaves or fish which take on the shape of flowers. The number twelve represents community, and seven represents wholeness. When everyone has what they need, the community is whole.

<sup>13</sup> [globalcommonsalliance.org/news/new-research-reveals-path-to-prosperity-for-planet-and-people-if-earths-critical-resources-are-better-shared/](https://globalcommonsalliance.org/news/new-research-reveals-path-to-prosperity-for-planet-and-people-if-earths-critical-resources-are-better-shared/)

<sup>14</sup> John 10:9-11



### **For Your Information:**

- FPC's Nursery, located on the second floor, is available for any child under the age of 6. We also have a playground in the parlor – a space for parents and younger children to be close to the sanctuary during worship.
- **Worship bags** for children of all ages are located in the lobby. When you are finished with the bag, please put it in the basket so that it can be replenished and straightened.
- Extra hymnals, including large print, and Bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop. Please switch your hearing aid to t-coil to use. *Please see your audiologist to activate your t-coil if you haven't done so yet.* Headsets are also available. **Please sit in center section of Sanctuary.**



### **Faith Formation Programs:**

- **FBI-In-Training** is our Faith Formation program for children age 2 through Pre-K.
- **FBI** (Faithful Bible Investigators) is our Faith Formation program for children in grades K-5.
  - FBI & FBI-In-Training meet every Wednesday during the school year at 3:45 pm.
- **God Squad** is our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Bible Study that meets every other Wednesday during the school year from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Youth Room or a restaurant.
- **HeBrews** is our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Bible Study that meets every Thursday during the school year at 7:00 am at Mokas on Crawford. The name is derived from *Hebrews 10:25*.

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Ministers: *Every Member of Congregation*  
Pastor/ Head of Staff: *Rev. Phil Price*  
Administrative Coordinator: *Nicole Olson*  
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