

Third Sunday in Lent

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You Are Worthy by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman Inspired by Luke 13:1-9

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The Words of Preparation

Our Lenten theme this year is *Full to the Brim*. We will focus on God's grace and how we live in that grace and extend that grace to others. The lectionary scriptures show us a God who offers us grace-grace that is underserved, unearned, illogical, and boundless.

Please silence your cellphones during this time of worship.

The Chiming

The Greeting

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Minister: The peace and love of Christ be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

The Prayer for Illumination

We believe that God is still fertilizing and planting roots deep within the soil and that God is nurturing fruits in our lives that have yet to be seen or tasted. But until that promised day, when the fig tree stands tall and the swords are beaten into plowshares, we believe: When our work does not bear fruit, God still loves us. When our soil grows dry and cracked, God still provides living water. When all seems hopeless here on earth, God's grace will sustain us. Amen.

The Prelude

Guy Younce

Aria, Charles Callahan

The Call to Worship

Rev. Susan Reed

Come, all who are thirsty/**Come, all who are seeking.**

Come, all who are waiting/**Come, all who are heavy ladened.**

Come, all who need rest/**Come, all who are struggling.**

Come, whether you are young or old/**confident or curious**/lonely or hopeful.

This is God's house and all are welcome here/ Let us worship together in the presence of God.

*The Hymn

Congregation

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, No. 451

The Call of Confession

Rev. Robert Gammon

Isaiah 55:6-9

The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we treat our self-worth like something that can be bought or earned. Instead of trusting that we are loved as we are, we stockpile our value in earthly things, in trophies and awards at competitions, in likes and follows on a website, in wealth and power at our jobs. Forgive us for creating our own standards and measuring sticks. Heal our open wounds and help us to see ourselves as you see us, loved and worthy of your grace.

The Words of Forgiveness

We are loved. We are redeemed. We receive the gift of God's grace.

The Choral Response

Chancel Choir

We are Redeemed, Williams/Dengler

***The Gospel Lesson**

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Luke 13:1-9

***The Hymn**

Congregation

Even in the Desert, Fearing

(Children, ages pre-K to 3rd grade, will leave for their time of worship and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit.)

Even in the desert, fruitfulness can flourish, mercies bloom from which we nourish. Give us daily manna, God of endless graces; show your light upon our faces. Here we see your decree and its invitation: love as our foundation.

Even in the desert, first fruits freely given, grace abounds and sins forgiven. Washed in God's abundance, we are daring dreamers on the path of our redeemer. Truth is told, grace unfolds, love protects our neighbor, justice is our labor.

The Sermon

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Full to the Brim: You are Worthy

***The Hymn of Discipleship**

Congregation

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, No. 486

***The Offertory Prayer**

Bob Stopher

The Offertory

Chancel Bells

What Wondrous Love is This, Larson

***The Offertory Response**

Congregation

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. Amen.

***The Benediction**

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

***The Postlude**

Guy Younce

Postlude I, Denis Bedard

New Member Pledge: **In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.**

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Carolyn Toma, and Mark and Robin Riddle, in loving memory of John Toma.

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to the family of Mildred Hood, who died on March 10.

Jeff Sanders, recent surgery

Stephanie Lanier, cousin of Carolyn Sue Kays, health concerns

Tim Kelley, friend of Martha Watson, health concerns

Cathern Reeves, mother of Mary Lucy Hook, health concerns

Kelly York Shelby, sister of Christy Cox, health concerns

Judy Gilpin, hospice care

Sewell Long, health concerns

Miles Reynolds, health concerns

Dick and Lucille Brown, health concerns

Bill and Susan Ohlendorf, brother and sister-in-law of Elaine Baker, health concerns

Joe and Debby Lin, brother and sister-in-law of Steve Lin, health concerns



Offering baskets are located at the doors leading into the Sanctuary. If you prefer, scan the QR code to access our online giving option.