



Strengthening Servanthood



## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 23, 2025

Gracious God,

Help me to persistently hear your word of correction and grace and hope.

I pray for the readiness to recognize my own stuck routines. I'm eager for renewed growth and a life of wisdom and faithfulness. With gratitude for your gentle care I am listening this Lenten season for the ways I may serve You with urgency and passion.

Amen.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*please stand as you're able*

#### WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

#### PRELUDE

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*, arr. L. Shackley<sup>1</sup>

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55

Leader: The prophet Isaiah calls us to faithfulness.

**People: God invites us, "Incline your ear, and come to me;**

Leader: Listen, so that you may live!

**People: Seek the Lord, call upon God who is near;**

Leader: Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

**People: Let them return to the Lord, and receive mercy,**

Leader: God provides forgiveness with generosity.

#### \*HYMN

*Your Servant Comes This Hour*, Festal Song<sup>2</sup>

1. Your servant comes this hour in true humility,  
believing in your call, O God, and answering "Lord, send me."

2. Your servant kneels in prayer, awaiting from above  
the touch which sets their life apart for ministries of love.

4. Your servant leaves this place with confidence secure,  
and by the Holy Spirit bears the fruit which shall endure.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Dear God, I can see pieces of myself torn and scattered about by decisions that I have made. I consented to some of this damage, and some came as a natural consequence of my choices. I confess my part in this chaos. With a deep sigh I turn to you and ask your healing power. Heal my brokenness. Correct my sinful strategies. I stand ready to hear your reminder of who I was created to be, and ask you to amend my ways. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*SONG OF CELEBRATION 441

*Hear the Good News of Salvation, Nettleton<sup>3</sup>*

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy God, as we come now to the reading of your word, we ask you to light-up our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. We know that you send rain and snow to water the earth and bring forth vegetation. Rain down your word for us for today so that it should not return to you empty, but that they should accomplish the purpose for which you have given us the good news. Brighten the Lenten path ahead of us so that we may walk with Christ as servants even as he walks closer and closer to the cross. Amen.

## GOSPEL

Luke 13:6-9

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.*

## OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55:1-9

## SERMON

*The Heart of Service*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN 822**

*When We Are Living, Somos Del Señor*<sup>4</sup>

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 692 (vs. 1)**

*Spirit, Open My Heart*<sup>5</sup>

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Amy Poland

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**

*Dere's No Hidin' Place*, arr. Parker/Shaw<sup>6</sup>

**\*DEDICATION HYMN 761 (vs. 1)**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*<sup>7</sup>

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to grace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## SEALING THE WORD

**\*HYMN (insert)**

*You Call Us, Lord, Rhosymedre*<sup>8</sup>

**\*CHARGE**

## BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (insert)**

*Make Me a Servant, Make Me a Servant*<sup>9</sup>

**POSTLUDE**

*Rhosymedre*, R. Vaughan Williams<sup>10</sup>

### Leaders Today:

Preacher: Pastor Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Kathy Kamp

The Chancel Choir Dorothy Blotz, piano

AV/Tech: Josh Mou

Ushers/Greeters: Linda & Paul Bishop, Bill Tanke, Chuck Kamp (Deacon)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **March Intergenerational Event TODAY**

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship to help make and pack sandwiches and other lunch items to deliver to the Beacon day shelter! All ingredients will be provided, and all ages and all levels of lunch prepping skills are welcome. We look forward to seeing you at this great opportunity to serve our community!

### **It's Rummage Sale Season!**

The annual sale will be Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in fellowship hall. . Sign up today in the Narthex or email Beth Swedeen at [bethswedeen@gmail.com](mailto:bethswedeen@gmail.com) We also can use clean, workable donations! (Bring them preferably the week of the sale). Please no appliances, electronics, baby equipment or mattresses.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**

One Great Hour of Sharing supports disaster relief, programs to prevent hunger & poverty and refugee assistance as well as issues of climate change. Please consider donating to OGHS anytime now through Easter. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

### **\*IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS\***

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# You Call Us, Lord

1 You call us, Lord, to be a peo - ple set a - part,  
2 You call us, Lord, to care for self and neigh - bor too,  
3 You call us, Lord, to be good stew - ards of the earth;  
4 You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,

to feel with thought - ful mind and think with ten - der heart.  
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.  
to tend it as a place of bless - ed - ness and worth.  
to know we best re - ceive when joy - ful - ly we give.

*Refrain*

Thus cho - sen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your

un - fail - ing grace to make us e - qual to the task.

# Make Me a Servant

*Unison*

G Em D7sus/A D7sus D7 D7sus/A

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek, Lord, let me

C/D D7 C/G G Am/G G B7 Em Em7/D

lift up those who are weak; and may the prayer of my

Em/C# Cm6 G/B D7sus/A G/B

heart al - ways be: make me a ser - vant, make me a

Am7/C G/D D7sus D7 C/G G

ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day.