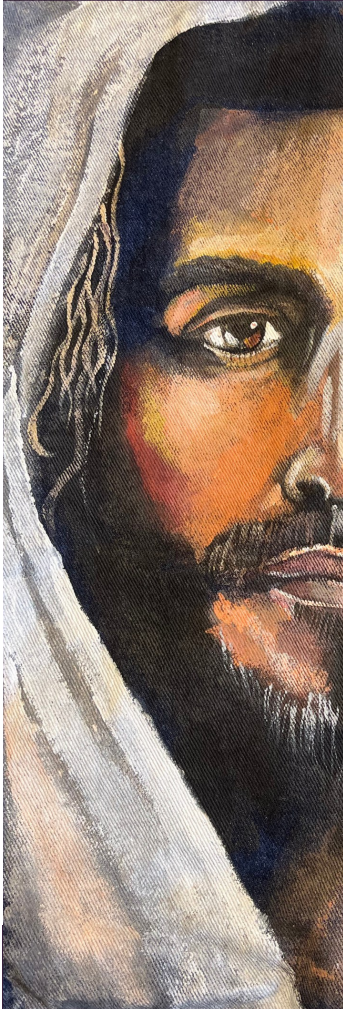


*Remember, I am  
with you always.*

*~Mt. 28:20*



**Third Sunday  
in Lent  
March 8, 2026**

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*\*please stand as you're able*

**PRELUDE**

*Adoration, F.Price<sup>1</sup>*

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are on a journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem.

**All: Jesus Christ came for our salvation.**

One: We are here to hear God's will for our lives and to consider our prayer and piety.

**All: Jesus Christ came to make us more holy.**

**\*HYMN 396**

*A Brethren, We Have Met to Worship,  
Holy Manna<sup>2</sup>*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord Jesus Christ help us to be honest with ourselves and with you. We want to change our wasteful, destructive ways. We want to be rid of the evil that weighs us down, the guilt that crushes our spirits. Have mercy on us as we confess our sin and silently recognize our areas of struggle. Wash us in the flowing stream of your forgiving love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and fill our lives with a new and right spirit. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN 288** *Spirit of the Living  
God, Living God<sup>3</sup>*

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 6:1-4*

## WHERE I FOUND FAITHFULNESS

Peggy Douma

## GOSPEL

Matthew 6:5-15

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

## SERMON

*A Rule of Life*

## \*HYMN 465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus, Converse*<sup>4</sup>

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row.*

## OFFERTORY

*My Song in the Night, arr. E. Hagenberg*<sup>5</sup>

## \*DOXOLOGY HYMN 607 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundredth*<sup>6</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION, LORD'S PRAYER

## \*HYMN 738

*O Master Let Me Walk with Thee, Maryton*<sup>7</sup>

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Sicilienne, M. T. von Paradis*<sup>8</sup>

*The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.*

### **Leaders Today:**



Interim Pastor: Rev. Sara Tonje  
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman  
The Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Jeff Hayes  
AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

Ushers/Greeters: Bob & Betty Bush, Sara Hayes, Ann Rowley (Deacon)

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## **WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*In March 2021, Woman Composer Sunday was inaugurated as a day when church musicians around the globe are encouraged to include pieces by women composers in worship services. At Westminster, we participate each year in Woman Composer Sunday. Excluding the hymns, all service music used in worship today was either composed or arranged by women. Florence Price (1887-1953) was active in Chicago where she composed over 300 works. Price was the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer and have a composition performed by a major orchestra. Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979) attended Duke University and is widely known as a choral composer with over 50 commissioned works for choirs worldwide. Maria Theresia von Paradis (1759-1824) was an Austrian musician, a friend of Mozart, and lost her sight before age 5. As our Lenten journey continues, we recognize the beauty of diversity in the body of Christ and appreciate these musical gifts from our sisters in faith.*

*—Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music*

### **Rummage Sale:**

The Spring Rummage Sale which had been scheduled for March 28th will not be happening for a few reasons, one of them being that the coordinators (Beth & Sara) are not able to provide the leadership. I would like to explore whether 2 people would come forward to be the coordinators for a Fall Rummage Sale. There is a packet of information outlining all the steps for the preparation, day of sale and clean-up to help you with the process. Ruth Hein would be available for questions as would Beth and Sara. If we do not get two coordinators for a Fall Sale, then we won't have a rummage sale until the Spring of 2027 and we will have \$3000 to \$4000 less in 2026 to allocate to local community agencies. If you feel you could be one of the coordinators for a fall sale, please notify Ruth Hein (PWW Moderator) by March 22nd 2026. 608-347-4724 (cell) phone or text.

### **Interested in Science?**

Cherokee Middle School will be holding a Science Expo on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 5:30 –7:00 PM at the school. Westminster is proud to be sponsoring this event! We are looking for a few judges for that night, as well as other volunteers to help serve food and otherwise help with the event. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Kamp at [kstarrkamp@gmail.com](mailto:kstarrkamp@gmail.com). Thanks for considering this opportunity!

### **Journal of the Journey**

Please turn in your unique insights about mission, ministry, scripture, faith and hope from the text today so that we can make a special project for Easter. Questions? Email [MegBeally@gmail.com](mailto:MegBeally@gmail.com)

### **Mister Rogers Movie & Pizza Next Week, March 15**

Rev. Fred Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian Minister that shared the message of kindness and acceptance with children and families through the power of television. On March 15 after worship, come and enjoy a pizza lunch and the movie "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" starring Tom Hanks as Mister Rogers. All are welcome!

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

**Care List:** Patrick Mullin, Rick Dettloff, Nancy Prine

**Members & Friends:** Ledger Dalton, Bob Goller, Alice Appen

**Deacons on Duty** - Would you like a visit, food, prayers, or help making your house accessible, etc.? Your deacons want to help. Look for the yellow Deacon banner on nametags, or anyone wearing the *Deacon on Duty* button.