

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 24, 2019

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music & Prelude “Until Then”
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time Brice Smith

*Opening Song 61 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Call to Worship *Comfort and Assurance in God’s Presence*

O God, you are my God. I seek you. My soul thirsts for you!
My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land.

**I look for you in the sanctuary, O God, to behold your
power and glory.**

Your steadfast love, O God, is better than life itself.

So, I will bless you as long as I live.

I will raise my hands and call upon your name.

When I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the
night, I am satisfied and filled with praise, for you have been
my help.

In the shadow of God’s wings, I will sing for joy.

I will cling to the Lord, who upholds me.

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “The Joyful Feast: Liturgical Elements for
Reformed Worship, Year C,” Cascade: Eugene, ©2014. Used with permission.

*Opening Prayer

Silence Reflection and Confession

Hymn 384 “Rock of Ages” *Toplady*

The Prayers of God’s People – 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. Lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power and glory, forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

Apostolic Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9

*Responsorial 494 “Step by Step” *Beaker*

Invitation to Give and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Children’s Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

The Message: “Do We Desire Justice or Mercy”
Pastor Bob Roesler

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is
moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to
follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join
this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Closing Song “Rescue the Perishing” *Fanny Crosby*

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able

LENT (Latin: *Quadragesima*, meaning “fortieth”) LENT (Latin:
Quadragesima, meaning “fortieth”) is a solemn religious season of
forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash
Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the
Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.” The forty days

represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" so we temper the reverent spirit of Lent with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – The American Baptist churches practice "believer's baptism" which is the immersion of a person in water who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith before the congregation. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year usually after the candidate completes an introductory class. Come to the front of the sanctuary during the *Invitation to Faith and Fellowship* if you would like to be baptized or speak privately with Pastor Ivan.

THE LORD'S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice "open communion" which means the Table of the Lord is open to all baptized Christians regardless of age or religious affiliation. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

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