

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 7, 2021

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

### Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time      Brice Smith

Song #264      “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”      RATHBUN

### \*Call to Worship

Open your hearts and rejoice!

**For the teaching of the Lord is right!**

Open your eyes and see!

**For the commandment of the Lord is clear!**

Revive your souls and be free!

**For the law of the Lord is good!**

Be cleansed in heart, mind, soul, and body!

**For the body is the temple of God.**

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship.” Cascade Books: 2013. All rights reserved.

\*Invocation Prayer      The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

### Call to Confession

**Unison Prayer of Confession: Holy God, we confess that we have wandered from your wisdom, which we have often regarded as folly. We have relied on our worldly wisdom, which at its best, cannot compare even to your foolishness. For it is only by Christ’s weakness, suffering, and death on the cross that we are saved. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to your grace, as we remember our humility before you and thank you for the marvelous gift of your Beloved Son for our salvation.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Song of Faith #51      “How Great Thou Art”

**The Prayer of the People 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading      Exodus 20:1-17

The Second Reading      1 Corinthians 1:18-25

\*Gospel Reading      John 2:13-22

Responsorial #411      “How Firm A Foundation”

Children’s Message      (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Message      “The Covenant of Law: Moral Law Will Not Fix it”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table –** We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Song #257      “What Wondrous Love Is This”      APPALACHIAN

**Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper –**

**Breaking of Bread –** *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

**Passing of the Cup –** *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

**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 be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Song #** "Once and For All" **WT**

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

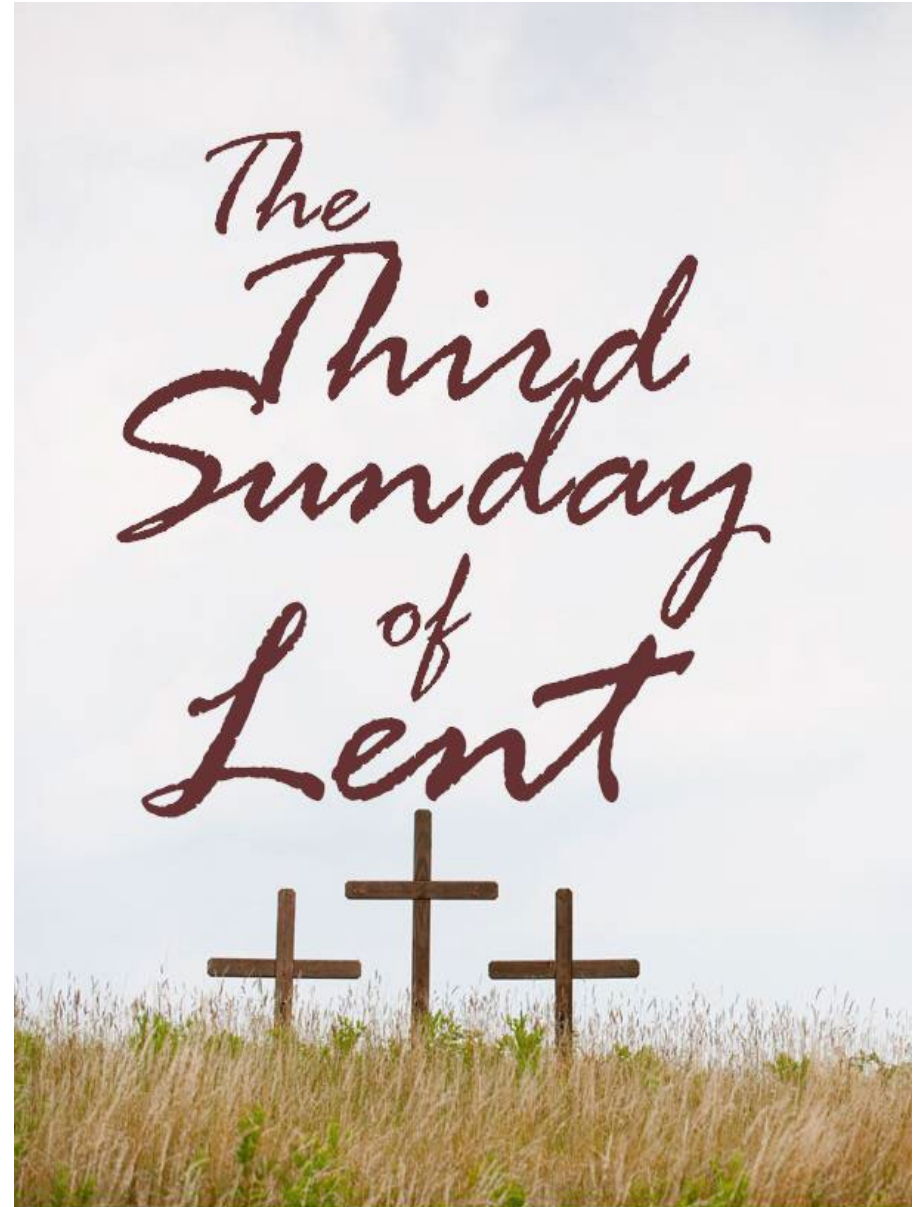
\*Please stand if able

**BELIEVER'S BAPTISM –** We practice "believer's baptism" which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER –** We celebrates the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. All persons, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. 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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