

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

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

***Call to Worship** *A Prayer of Deliverance*

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 where there is no water.

So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

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

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

And my mouth praises you with joyful lips

When I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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***Opening Prayer:** O God our Provider, who pours out living water from Christ our spiritual rock, who gives us food from Christ our living bread, who provides us with a way out of trouble through Christ the way, help us endure in faith through this season of testing and strengthen us with your word, that we may stand in your holy presence, cleansed, and transformed, for the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “The Joyful Feast: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year C,” Cascade Books: Eugene, Oregon, p. 74. © 2014 Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

***Song of Faith #458** “O Jesus, I have Promised” *ANGEL’S STORY*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Luke 13:1-19

***Responsorial #257** “What Wondrous Love Is This” *WONDROUS LOVE*

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community: **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, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it online.

Offertory Special

Prayer and The Message “Bloom Where You are Planted”
The Reverend Ed O’Rear, ABCUSA Clergy, retired

Ed O’Rear is a graduate of Butler University and Central Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served American Baptist Churches in Indiana and Kansas. Ed also worked for Shawnee County for 28 years retiring as Director of Shawnee County Community Corrections. Ed and his wife, Sandy, have two married daughters and four grandchildren living in Texas.

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.

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***Closing Hymn #** “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us” *Worship Team*

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude

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HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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At The Cross

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