



Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: Improvisation on "Balm in Gilead"

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

All Singing: 460 "Our Eyes are Turned"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

* GOD'S GREETING

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* **All Singing: 527 "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

All Singing: 367 “O God, You Are My God Alone” (Psalm 63)

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* **All Singing: 748 “Lord, to Whom Shall We Go”**
Soloist singing once, all repeating twice

Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

* Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: Between Lament and Longing

* **All Singing: 808 “Table of Plenty”**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 3

Prayers & Offerings

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Minister: Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Minister: We pray together:

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

* PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

1. General Fund

2. St. Damian Food Pantry

OFFERTORY

Soloist: "Comfort, Oh Comfort"

Caroline Cobb

Comfort, oh comfort, to every place that is scorched and dry
Comfort, speak comfort to every darkness in need of the light

In the wilderness, the green of Eden; in the wasteland, a garden blooms
Up from the desert springs a river for He is making everything new

Comfort, oh comfort; there is a highway through this dry land
They will call him a Man of Sorrows and like a seed buried deep to rise again

Comfort, oh comfort, for the ransomed will return with a song
And with joy, we'll come into Zion and all our sorrow, all our sighing will be gone.

* **All Singing: 959 "Glory Be to the Father"**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Communion

THE INSTITUTION
THE THANKSGIVING
THE INVITATION
THE COMMUNION

All Singing: 815 "Gift of Finest Wheat"
Soloist singing verses, all singing refrain

All Singing: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion" S. McCracken, J. D. Moore
All standing on last refrain

Refrain:
We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
"He has done great things," we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up. *Refrain*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. *Refrain*

* Minister: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament
of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength
and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart,
through Christ, our Lord.

* **All: Amen.**

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"
Tune: Cwm Rhondda

arr. Paul Manz

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist: Dora Diephouse
Pianist / Vocalist: Erin Pacheco
Soloist: Helen Van Wyck
Vocalist / Flutist: Sarah Rinkenberger
Guitarist: Jenson Varghese
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Rowan Van Wyngarden
Readers: Mary McKinstry
Jeff Carpenter
Ginny Carpenter
Prayer: Mike Vander Weele

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