

# Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

God teaches the Church to do what is good, and seek what is right.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy?  
God is calling. Come to the waters.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

**"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"  
"Let us E'er Walk with Jesus"**

arr. Hugh Wilson  
arr. Peters

WELCOME

Sally Hosea

\*INTROIT #415

**"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (v.1&2)**

Hart, 1759

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come, because we seek our God.

***Every morning, every day, every evening, every moment, God is with us.***

We come, because we hunger for Christ.

***Jesus will feed us with hope, and will replace our emptiness with grace.***

We come, because we thirst for the Spirit.

***The Spirit fills our yearning for peace, and ends the drought of justice.***

We come, with heads bowed and hearts hopeful, to worship the Triune God.

***The One, True God is merciful and forgiving and welcomes us here.***

\*HYMN #65

**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

Williams, 1762

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved ones, do you think that because you have spoken hurtfully, or failed to help, or forgotten about God as you traveled through each day, that God forgets you? *No!* God's love is as constant as the sun. God's forgiveness is as sure as stars in the sky. So let's confess our sins, to the merciful God. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***The thirsty come, and we offer lead-filled water. The hungry come, and we offer a single can from our overflowing pantries. The lonely come, and we cling to our cliques. The broken***

***come, and we hand them an aspirin. The needy come, but we have wasted everything on stuff we don't need. Have mercy on us, Creator, and pour your heart into our grace-parched souls. As you have been with us in every moment, may we go to be with all who surround us. May we listen to the needs and hearts of others, even as you lean down to listen to us, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In every moment, God seeks what is best for us, continually offering us peace, hope, and forgiveness. I declare in the name of the Son of God, we are forgiven!

***We will praise God in every moment, rejoicing with the Sovereign King who fills us with steadfast love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.***

\*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

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## Proclaiming

ANTHEM

**"O God, Create in Us Clean Hearts"**

Pamel Chun Wilt

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Bibles, p.644/LG. p.838

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #438

**"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

Toplady, 1776

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

Bibles, p.71/ LG. p.92

The Word of God, for the People of God

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

**"You Are the Worst!"**

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***"We believe that, for God, pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering. We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good, and to seek the right." This, we believe. Amen.***

– Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*“Lacrymosa”*

Douglas Wagner

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #816

*“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”*

Neumark, 1641

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #743

*“O God, You Are My God” (2x)*

Strasser, 1991

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on “Pange Lingua”*

arr. Gray

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Tolly Dill and family, Jack Clark and family, Jack Gray, Debbie Murphy, Syble DeLoach, and Cindy Ratliff

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. 03/05

Grace Presbytery Meeting @ Austin College

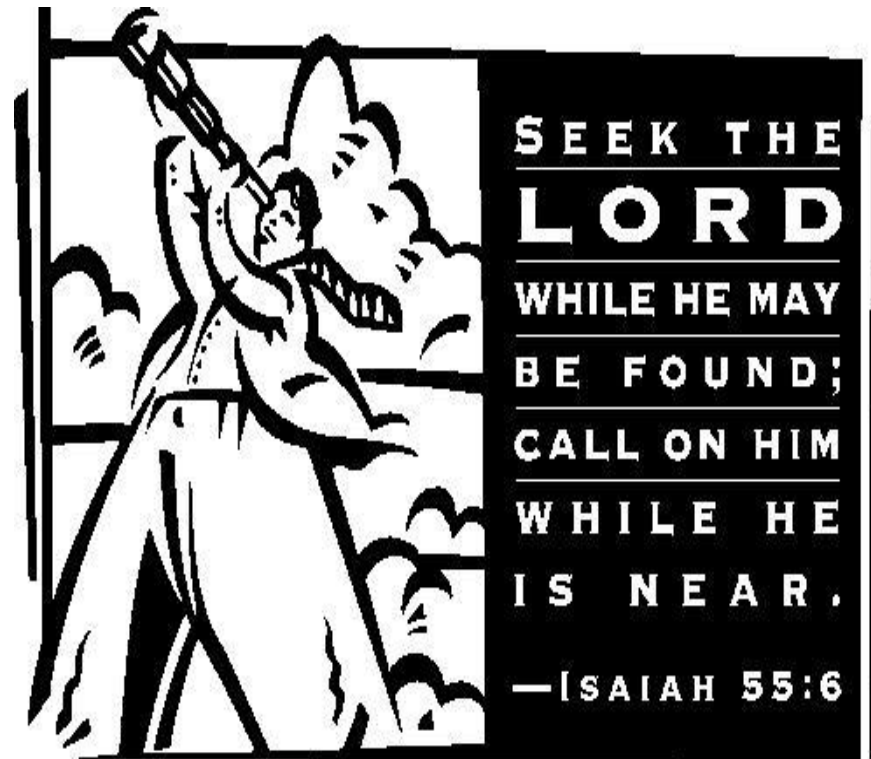
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Sun. 03/06

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Choir Practice Every Wed. at 6:00pm*

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