

March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are glad you came to worship with us today!
It is our prayer that you will be richly blessed as we worship.

†Denotes please stand as you are able in praise to God.

Pastoral Greeting:

†**Opening Hymn:** “We Walk by Faith” TFWS #2196

Call to Worship:

L: We have come this day to learn about what God expects of us.

P: Sometimes we really don’t want to know what God wants. We are afraid to make the commitments God seeks.

L: God is persistent. God will not let us off the hook so easily.

P: But we have failed so many times in the past. How can we possibly serve now?

L: Open your hearts to receive forgiveness and healing. Listen to God.

Be ready to work with God for hope, peace, justice and love.

P: Be with us, Lord. Help us to turn around, to see you, to serve you, to witness to your Love. AMEN.

Call to Prayer of Confession:

L: The Scriptures call us to turn from sinful ways and return to God, Trusting in that mercy, let us call upon God who is near.

All: This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn’t coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don’t want to be like this we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

†**Affirmation of Faith:** “The Apostles Creed” UMH #881

†**Gloria Patri:** UMH #70

Passing the Peace of Christ:

Prayer for Illumination:

All: We seek you in your word, O God, as though we are searching for water in a dry and weary land. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may this word be to us a rich feast, satisfying the soul. Then with our mouths, we will praise you; and with our lives, we will bless you, our Host and our Hope. Amen.

O.T. Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9 Pew Bible Pg. 524

†**N.T. Scripture:** Luke 13:1-9 Pew Bible Pg. 738

Hymn of Preparation: “I’ll Fly Away” TFWS #2282

Message: Jay W Brown

Special Music:

Pastoral Prayer and Concerns: – (see bulletin insert)

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:

***The Doxology:** “Praise God.....” UMH #95

†**Closing Hymn:** “Spirit of God” TFWS #2117

Benediction:

Sending Forth: “Make Me A Servant” TFWS #2176

Church Announcements!!!!

Weekly Church Services:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Weekly Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Church Staff:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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Administrative Chairperson: Jack L. Turner, Jr.

Administrative Chairperson (Emeritus) Roberta Suloff

President of Trustees: Robert White

**“Please invite family and friends to view or follow our
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.**

This is the Zoom Meeting ID and Password:

Meeting ID: 894 5832 3418

Passcode: 14cZDy

You can also join the Zoom Meeting using the below:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89458323418?pwd=n2FxM6ebqSVsFOzPLKvxDIrGbJdFI0.1>

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**Seek
the Lord while
he may be found,**

**Call
upon him while
he is near.**

Isaiah 55.6

