



*Welcome!*

Because we believe that the risen Christ is in our midst, we also believe that we should never place a period where God has placed a comma.

## Order of Worship

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 10:30 am

Second Sunday in Lent

### We Gather

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

#### My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### Moment of Silence

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

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

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

#### Assurance of Pardon

*You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.*

#### Worship Liturgy

Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

**\*Asterisk indicates please rise in body or spirit**

#### Hymns

are chosen from the "black" *New Century Hymnal* or "blue" *Chalice Hymnal* located in the back of your pew.

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## **\*Call to Worship**

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.**

The young lions suffer want and hunger,

**but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

And so God says to us,

**Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

**none of those who take refuge in him will be rejected. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen!**

## **\*Hymn #18 (Chalice)**

## **All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us Pray.

**O God, whose glory it is to always have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **We Hear**

**Old Testament: Deuteronomy 11:7-21 (page 168)**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 85**

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.**

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

**Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

**Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

**Thanks** to the following people for helping with service today:

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**Consistory Person of the Month:**

Sherry Hartman

**Back up:**

Doug Seipp

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ivy Abell's 11th birthday on March 19th. From Grandma and Mommy

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:10-16 (page 14)**

**\*Gospel Response**

***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!***

**Sermon: What We Need Is Here: Listen. Really Listen**

## **We Respond**

**\*Hymn #586 (Chalice) Open My Eyes, That I May See**

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

## **Sunday Mornings**

9:15 am - Adult Sunday School

9:15 am - Children's Sunday School

10:30am - Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

## **Church Staff**

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## **Offering**

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## **Pastoral Emergencies**

Please call the church office or call/text Pastor Sam at 717-309-7680.

## **Prayer Chain**

### **Contacts:**

Belinda Finn or the Church Office

## **Church Office Hours**

Mondays 9 - 1

Wednesdays 9 - 1

Voicemail and email are monitored daily.

410-346-7977

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand. You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #576 (Chalice)**

**My Faith Looks Up To Thee**

**We Are Sent**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Three-Fold Amen**

**\*Postlude**

**O God Beyond All Praising**

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