

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022



Rev. Raygan Baker

Welcome!

Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us?

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Does your infant or toddler need a minute, a change, or a good cry? Don't worry, we've (literally) all been there.

The service is livestreaming in our Caring Room (Room 1) nearby, where there is space and supplies to help get what your child needs.

Prelude

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (MADRID)

Scott Horton,

- arr. Sondra Tucker

Organ

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" (ROYAL OAK)

- arr. Neil Harmon

"Voluntary in E Minor"

Handbells

- John Stanley; arr. H. Hopson

Welcome

Rev. Raygan Baker

Centering Psalm 63: 1-4, 7-8

Wade Hobson, cantor

(The Congregation sings the Response with the Choir)

Response

Antiphon: *Vérne de la Peña, 1994*

I will bless God as long as I live.

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.

SUNG RESPONSE: I will bless God as long as I live.

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

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

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

SUNG RESPONSE: I will bless God as long as I live.

Opening Prayer

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

Holy God,

Sometimes we are tempted to treat ourselves, our neighbors, and our environment as less than sacred. We are tempted to relive patterns of domination instead of doing the careful work of compassionate living. We get bogged down with the suffering of the world and caught in the quicksand of complacency. Lift us up out of the pit, that we might be a people empowered to relish the sacred gifts of relationships. Amen.

***Hymn**

"God Reigns o'er All the Earth"

#21, pew hymnal

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

Special Music

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Handbells

- arr. B. Ingram

Time for Discovery

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.**

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The 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,
the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.***

Scripture Reading:

Luke 13:1-9

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

Sermon

***Hymn**

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

#423, pew hymnal

Invitation to Prayer

Sung Call to Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying:
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying:
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

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Prayers of the Church

A Church Family Moment

Rebecca Snyder & Jeannie Hobson
Moderator & Vice Moderator (respectively)

Invitation to Generosity

Liturgist: Gayle Thornton

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Offertory Anthem

"Agnus Dei" - Robert Young

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Musical notation for the first line of the Doxology. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are: "We give you but your own, what - e'er the gift may be;"

We give you but your own, what - e'er the gift may be;

Musical notation for the second line of the Doxology. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are: "All that we have is yours a - lone, we give it grate-ful - ly."

All that we have is yours a - lone, we give it grate-ful - ly.

***Blessing and Sung Benediction**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

**"Shche ne vmerla Ukrayina"
(Ukrainian National Anthem)
- Mykhailo Verbytsky; arr. D. Janzer**

**Scott Horton,
organ**

We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Isa. 52:7-10

1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's
4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in

farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau-ty show.
death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn-est praise.
all our past and to the last, our com-fort and our stay.

God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in
God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal-ax-y and sun, through
God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's

rain-bow hues—reds, yel-lows, blues—of streams and coun-try lanes.
all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.
time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.
pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

*Lam. 3:22-23**Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.*

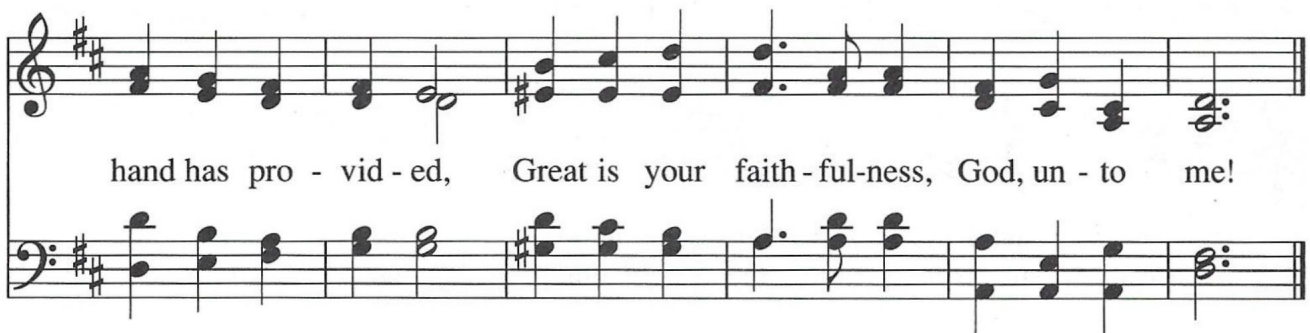
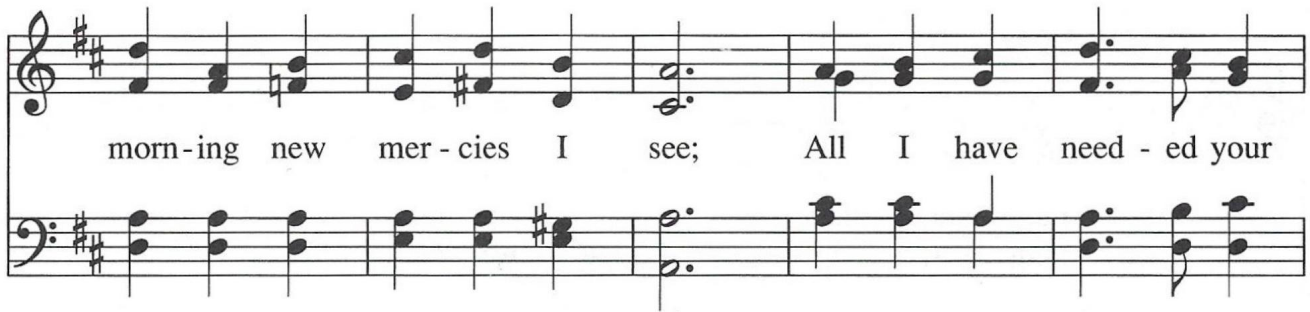
1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain



Ministry of Resources Church Work Day

Join MoR as we prep our
sacred space for spring and summer!

Projects will include:
tree trimming, prepping for paint,
marking safety hazards, and more!

Saturday, March 26, 2022
8:00am in the Courtyard

This Week at Big Red

Monday, March 21

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Tuesday, March 22

- ♦ No Events

Wednesday, March 23

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ **5:30-6:30pm:** Soup Supper Pick-Up (Fellowship Hall)
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Good Enough Group Study (Parlor)
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Handbell Rehearsal (Music Room)
- ♦ **7:00pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions Due

Thursday, March 24

- ♦ **2:00pm:** Ministry of Outreach (Parlor)

Friday, March 25

- ♦ **10:00am:** Free Food Saturday Prep (Fellowship Hall)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Saturday, March 26

- ♦ **8:00am:** MoR Work Day (Courtyard)
- ♦ **9:00am:** Free Food Saturday Volunteers (Fellowship Hall)
- ♦ **10:00am:** Free Food Saturday (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 27

- ♦ **9:00am:** Exploration Hour (Various)
- ♦ **10:00am:** Worship (Sanctuary)

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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation.

We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.