

WE SEEK GOD'S GRACE AND GIVE THANKS

GATHERING MUSIC

Shenandoah

Clay Christiansen

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SILENCE

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

After the silence, the tolling Lenten bell calls us to confession.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Mary Ann Redifer

The Lenten "sacrifice" acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; see if there is any waywardness in us.

Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us.

Have mercy on us, Lord, according to your loving kindness.

Trusting in the mercies of God, let us confess our sins together:

We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, in what we have done and left undone.

We have not loved you, Holy God, with all our heart, mind, and strength. And we have

not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We are sorry for the harm we have

caused and the harm we failed to prevent. Help us to begin again, forgiven and set

free, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNG CONFESSION (Hymn 471)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come, and listen to me.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* HYMN 54

"Make a Joyful Noise to God!"

DIX

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:12-16

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.197)

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM

If Thou Be Near

Johann Sebastian Bach
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.76)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 409, v. 3)

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold.

May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore

What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

SERMON

"When Fear Becomes Necessary"

Dr. Butler

"Work out your salvation in fear and trembling."

WE PRAY AND OFFER OUR GIFTS

* HYMN 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Herr Jesu Christ, wahr' Mensch und Gott Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

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.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** HYMN 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** DEPARTING MUSIC**

Toccata in d

Franz Xaver Murschhauser

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.



Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

10 a.m.
