



March 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

REFLECTION

“You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.” ~ Anne Lamott

PRELUDE

O Mensch, Bewein' dein' Sünde Gross (O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Take the offbeat path away from your biases.

Seek the deeper wisdom of God, and you will find your way.

Meet the people on the margins, help those suffering from oppression.

Follow Jesus and learn how to love your neighbor and yourself.

Come, turn from the ways of the world, and into God's ways.

The journey may not be easy, but we are in this together.

Come, worship God, follow Jesus, and trust the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**HYMN No. 770, St. 1 - 4

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome;
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.
Here all the world will find a welcome;
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance.

Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

**HYMN No. 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Silence is Kept

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or anything do to us?

We are new people, graced by our loving God.

Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children in kindergarten – 7th grade may exit the sanctuary for Sunday School

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé (1902 – 1986)

TRANSLATION

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.

Let us fear and let us love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:15-24

SERMON

You Have to Face It to Fix It- Facing Our Biases

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wondrous Love

arr. Michael Larkin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

****HYMN 738**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the Godward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future’s broad’ning way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

****BENEDICTION**

****HYMN No. 373, St. 1**

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

O day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,
Delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
Our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

arr. Martin Herbst

*****Those who are able may stand***

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Barbara Piercy

Susan Jones & Noel Piercy

Micki Hardenberg, Soloist & Cantor

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Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers



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