

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

### Prelude

#### **Prayer of Preparation** (for your personal use, during Prelude)

*Dear Lord, we thank you today and every day for your kindness and love for us. Thank you for always being with us even the times we think we are alone. Help us to be more loving and giving to others and help us show others the way to your grace. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship – From Psalm 63**

- L: O God, you are my God, I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.
- P: I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory.**
- L: Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!
- P: I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.**
- L: You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy.
- P: I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.**
- L: Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.
- P: I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.**

**\*Hymn** “*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*” PH #138

### Call to Confession

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead of reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **The Peace**

**L:** Peace be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**\*Gloria Patri**      *“Glory Be to the Father”*      **PH #579**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Time with Young Disciples**

**New Testament Reading**      1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Sermon Text/Gospel Reading**      Luke 13:1-9

**Sermon**      *“Turn Away – Turn Toward”*      Pastor Ryan

**\*Hymn**      *“Lamb of God”*      **SF #2113**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith – Adapted From Romans 8**

**“We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.**

## Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

## The Lord's Prayer

### Offering

Offertory

Music Video: *"Lord, I Need You"*

**\*Doxology**

**PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

### INTO THE WORLD

**\*Hymn**

***"I Danced in the Morning"***  
*(Lord of the Dance)*

**PH #302**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

### Postlude

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Worship Leader:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher:

Dan Stephenson

Liturgist:

Rodney Davis

Pianist/Organist:

Julia Territo

***\*Please stand, if able***

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Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

\*Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer of Illumination taken from the Presbyterian Outlook.