

For Prayer & Contemplation

“The rules are Caesar’s, but how one responds to the rules is God’s, and Caesar has no power over that.” --*Walter Wink*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “Trio no. 1 in G minor” - Rheinberger

Call to Worship (By *Ciona D. Rouse*)

All: We praise you!

One: Not because we are worthy
But because you are worthy

All: We praise you!

One: Not just with our voices today
But with our living everyday.

All: We praise you!

One: Not because it pleases us
But because it pleases you

All: We praise you!

***Hymn No. 22** “God of the Sparrow”

Prayer of Confession (*The Worshipbook*)

O God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. Judge us with love, and lift the burden of our sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins, for the sake of Jesus you Son, our Savior.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (Adapted from *Isaiah 55:7*)

One: Hear now the good news from Isaiah,
“let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Hymn No. 63** (v. 1) “The Lord is God”
“The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.”

***Passing of Peace**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem “God Have Mercy” - Monteverdi, arr. Hopson
Sanctuary Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-9*
Old Testament PG 685-6, Large Print 838-9

2nd Reading: *Luke 13:1-9*
New Testament PG 76, Large Print 92-3

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Where to Lay the Blame” - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Affirmation of Faith (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology No. 606** “Praise God...All Blessings Flow”
“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Matt, Dawn, Signe and family, Dan, Maisy, the family of Olive, the family of Ron, Nic and family, Chic, Alyssa, Patrick, Erin, Rhett, Jamie, Meg, Heather, Joanna, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Phyllis, Aaron, Douglas

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 No. 797** “We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

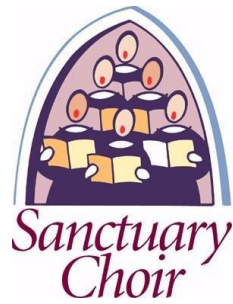
***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 166** (v.1) “Lord... These 40 Days”
“Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.”

Postlude “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale” - arr. Powell

***** *Please stand as you are able.* *****

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Renee Sheridan
Ushers	Dave Nicastro, Darlene Powell
Acolyte	Doug Hoffman
Coffee Hour Hosts	Bev Benson, Sandy Lovelace, Mike Jurkiewicz



Music Notes

Today's prelude is the first of a set of ten trios written by organist/composer Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901), who was born in Lichtenstein but lived in Germany for most of his life. The anthem is Hal Hopson's 2008 setting of selected verses from Psalm 51, set to the music of Italian composer Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643). The postlude is Robert Powell's 1983 arrangement of the hymn tune "Roeder," originally written by Carl Schalk. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> March 13-20	
<i>Sunday</i> March 20	<i>First Day of Spring</i> 10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice – Music Room 11:30 AM Confirmation Class – Memorial Lounge 3 PM Jazz Legacy Concert - Sanctuary
<i>Monday</i> March 21	
<i>Tuesday</i> March 22	6 PM Youth Group Meeting – Memorial Lounge 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troops Mtg. – Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> March 23	
<i>Thursday</i> March 24	9 AM Trustees Meeting – Zoom 7 PM Bell Choir Practice – Music Room 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> March 25	
<i>Saturday</i> March 26	6 AM Books & Breakfast
<i>Sunday</i> March 27	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice – Music Room 11:30 AM Confirmation Class – Memorial Lounge



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10 AM Worship Service
March 20, 2022
3rd Sunday in Lent
Rev. Drew Harrison