

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Feb 28, 2016

10:30 AM

(\* Please Stand as Able

Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

**WELCOME - Please sign the Pew Pad & pass it to the next person**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Gift*

Ed Hunt, Guitar and Bass

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The journey began two weeks ago. We were called by God to look inward first, to find those things which have blocked our witness and discipleship. How hard it is to serve God when we are bound by our fears.

**P: Remind us, God, you understand the burdens that we bear; You, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair.**

L: Our voices quiver and shake. We cannot frame our words. We seek God's forgiving love, but fail to recognize God's presence in our lives. Help us to remember, Lord, that you have walked this path before us.

**P: Remind us, God, that you accept our sad laments in prayer; You, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair.**

L: Open your hearts, dear people, to God's awesome love, given for you.

**P: Thank you Oh Great God of Love. We know that you are everywhere and have walked the shadowed way with us and kept us in your care. AMEN**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE – Please pray with me...**

**Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

### SONGS

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

SB #129

*Wade in the Water*

SB #166

### PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE/ TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are given another chance! God has heard your cries. Turn again to the Lord. Find comfort and strength in God's eternal love for you. Be healed. AMEN.

### SONG

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

SB #176

**HEBREW BIBLE READING** Isaiah 55:1-9

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 63:1-8

**\*GOSPEL READING** Luke 13:1-9

**MESSAGE** "Not So Softly, Not So Tenderly," Pastor Barb Wells

### OFFERTORY

**\*CALYPSO DOXOLOGY** SB #3

**SONG** *Plenty Good Room* SB #118

### \*SENDING FORTH

**POSTLUDE** *Firm Foundation*, Nancy Gordon and Jamie Harvill  
Please remain seated until the Postlude has ended.

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

Our Mission is:  
*“To Make Christ Known”*

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here! Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder) located at the end of the pew along the center aisle. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

**CHILD CARE**

Children’s Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade attend the beginning of Service then leave with Barb Gausman after the Prayers of the People and Time with the Children. Younger and older Children are encouraged to sit in Worship with their family. There are cloth bags in the back of the sanctuary with crayons and activities and also a basket of small toys for your child to use if they remain in the Sanctuary.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Kid’s Club, Christian Education for Children, Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, takes place on Wednesday Nights from 6-7 during the school year in Classroom 203. A Pre-school class is also available in the Nursery across the Hall from the Kid’s Club Room.

**COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

**HOW TO REACH US**

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