

Sunday, March 20, 2022 Third Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Genesis 3:1-8 & John 6:48-58

> Sermon: Broken Bread Restored

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Prelude Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now Sheep May Safely Graze

Walther Bach

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

Leader: God created us to be dependent and needy beings.

We enter life helpless with no choice but to rely on others to provide for all our needs – and through

those others, God provides our needs.

All: Humans shall not live by bread alone, but by

every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Leader: Even as adults, our dependence and neediness

continues. We must eat and drink every day. We need shelter and clothing, and we need a community and a

purpose, and all of these needs God provides.

All: Though God faithfully keeps his promise to

provide, our daily needs have a way of distracting us and mastering us. Material things grow large and demand our attention, and we

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

lose perspective.

Leader: There is more to life than the pursuit of bread, and

we pause to reorder our thinking and our lives.

All: We rejoice and offer our praise that God gives

daily bread and his life-giving Word.

Call to Confession

Hymn

We so easily misuse what God gives: blessings become obsessions, gifts become vices, and provisions become causes for temptation and sin. So we confess together our problems with daily bread and our struggle with life's material needs.

Please join with me in the reading of the Prayer of Confession, followed by a time of silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you shower us each day with all we need to sustain this life. Our material blessings are beyond number, and most of them we have simply come to expect and so hardly notice. Forgive us for being complacent about your abundant giving. Forgive us for turning your good gifts into causes for sin as we worry about keeping what we have, and getting what we don't have. Forgive us for abusing what we do have with our selfishness, our lack of self-control, and our greed. Forgive us for making a mess of your good gift of daily bread. (Silent confession) leader: Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: God is the giver of all good gifts. He gives rich gifts of

material treasures, and far more importantly, he gives the gift of forgiveness when we fail rightly to use what he gives us. Receive the wonderful word from his own

mouth. Forgiven!

All: We are forgiven for every failure. Amen!

Chancel Choir Just As I Am Bradbury/Carter

Children's Chat Maryann Haines

Kid Zone meets right after our Children's Chat: 2-3 yrs. old (Preschool classroom; PreK – Grade 5 (Third Floor)

Prayer of Illumination

O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, may this word be to us a rich feast, satisfying the soul. Then with our mouths, we will praise you; and with our lives, we will bless you, our Eternal Hope. Amen.

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Hymn of Praise My Life is in You, Lord

Affirmation of Faith Romans 8: 1, 28, 38, 39
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 and 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; Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation: Children of God, we often spend our money on that which is not true bread, and labor toward things that will never satisfy. In our offering, we give to things that are of God: bread for the hungry, good news for those who are oppressed, the ministries of the church that welcome strangers and sons and daughters alike. Let us bring before God a portion of all that God has so freely given to us.

Offertory Day by Day Kendall

Doxology: 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.

Prayer of Dedication: O God, by these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care. Send us – not only our offerings, but our very selves – to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out, to listen and sit beside your children everywhere at the one Table you have set; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Closing Blessing

All you need has been given to you by your Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go forward and use what he has given to accomplish what he wills. Go in his purpose and his peace. Amen.

Congregational Response

Glory be to the Father

Postlude

O Lord We Praise Thee

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Ryan Ditmer
Chancel Choir Director: Doug Garner
Worship Assistant: Ruth Fisher
Next Week: Ginny Westover
Children's Chat: Maryann Haines
Next Week: Elaine Siddons

Giving Report as of 3/13/22

Weekly Need: \$2,923.08 YTD Need: \$35,153.88 Received \$2,350.00 YTD Received: \$33,402.08



Thank you to all who purchased t-shirts supporting Ukraine, designed by Zoe Finan. Your purchase provided much-needed donations to the International Rescue Committee, who is helping displaced families receive vital supplies during the war. So far \$700 has been raised with more donations still being processed. Zoe's online store will remain open and will support International Rescue Committee, Razom Ukraine, or International Red Cross.

https://www.bonfire.com/store/support-ukraine-2/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON'S OFFERING: The loose offering in the collection plate today is designated to the Deacon's fund.

SUNDAY EVENINGS TOGETHER You are invited to gather at the church tonight from 4 pm to 6 pm as we learn together through Lent. Children in pre-K through 5th Grade will meet on the 3rd floor for Lentin Kidz Klub. Adults will meet in the Baraca Room to watch and discuss "The Chosen." A simple soup supper will be served at 5:30 pm. The youth group will meet at the regular time of 6 pm on the 3rd floor.

MINISTERIUM LENTEN WEEKLY WORSHIP is held every Wednesday at 12 noon. This week, March 23, St. Mark's Episcopal will host. March 30 – Sacred Heart, and April 6 – St. John's Lutheran. An outdoor Cross Walk will be hosted on Good Friday at 11 am, beginning at Sacred Heart.

MARCH BLESSING BOX COLLECTION: This month we invite you to bring in soup, toothpaste, and toothbrushes to fill the Blessing Box. Try to purchase pull tab soup. Any questions? Talk to Phyllis Palm who is coordinating the collection.

USHERS ARE NEEDED! The Worship and Music Team is working on a new schedule and duties so that we can have ushers to help welcome members and visitors at our worship service and begin the collection of our tithes and offerings. If you are willing to serve, please let Brian Blackwell know at 717-599-0348 or brianblackwell@gmail.com.

The Synod of the Trinity is joining forces with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help support the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine. The Synod will match up to an additional \$24,000 from any congregation or presbytery in our region that donates through our Presbyterian Mission Exchange giving platform.

The Session has designated the yellow Easter giving envelopes towards the Synod's Ukraine collection. Please prayerfully consider making a financial gift using the yellow envelopes from now till Easter Sunday, April 17.

PRAYER GUIDE

Our Community & Nation

 For those seeking employment; addiction & forms of abuse; elected officials; peace in our nation and world; COVID-19 difficulties; healthcare workers; first responders

For Our Ministry Leaders

• Rev. Sarah Sedgwick, staff, deacons, elders & volunteers; for members to find ways to be active in the church.

Prayer Requests

- Lisa Miller (Ken Fisher's niece) breast cancer
- Carolyn Powers Recovery from hernia surgery
- Larry Earnest: esophageal cancer
- Peggy Shilling Davis: advanced liver cancer, spread to lungs
- Denise Beltzner: scleroderma and lupus
- Debbie: breast cancer
- Rich Harper: chemo treatments
- George Garner: terminally ill

Those in Care Facilities

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Shirley Ferguson, Lavonne Ball, Jean Clark, Nancy Bowman
- Embassy of Woodland Park: Carl Knepp
- Locust Grove Retirement Village: Doris Hoverter

Those in the Military

03/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte, BM3 Tyler M. Earnest, SFC William Corson, SGT John Dietz, SSGT Tyler Treaster

Our Mission Partners

Shelter Services, Habitat for Humanity, Backyard Ministries, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Heart 2 Heart Program, LUMINA Center, Krislund Camp and Conference, Leah & Francis Daytec (Philippines), Adventures in Mission & BuildinGuate

Families of the Week

- Rich & Betsy Harper
- Lois Notestine