



Disciple Turns Denier: *Peter's Betrayal*

March 20, 2022 Third Sunday of Lent

A Time to Center

Prelude Music

Grounding Moment

*As earth turns from sunrise to sundown
As seasons turn seamlessly from one to another
As our lives turn from praise to pain and back to praise again
So we turn toward God in worship.
In our homes
In our workplaces
In our beds
At our kitchen tables.*

*We bring all that we are
All that we long to be
And we lay it before God.*

*As we turn toward God
We discover the miraculous promise
That God is already turned toward us. Exactly where we are.*

A Time to Gather

Welcome & Announcements

HYMN *Come, thou fount* HWB 521

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS *(from Ecclesiastes)*

LEADER: As one season turns to another in the miracle of creation,
so we turn our hearts to God, who turns our mourning
into dancing and our brokenness into grace upon grace.

ALL (sung): *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.*
(sung to tune of HWB 348 O Lord, hear my prayer)

LEADER: To everything there is a season,
and now is the season for turning

ALL: We turn to God with broken relationships

LEADER: Now is a time for healing

ALL: We turn to God with regrets we have held too long

LEADER: Now is a time for releasing

ALL: We turn to God with despair for what the world has become

LEADER: Now is a time for hoping

ALL: We turn to God with sighs too deep for words.

ALL (sung): (repeat “*The Lord is my song*” as printed above)

LEADER: God declares to all people, now is the time for grace
Your sins are forgiven, your brokenness made whole.
Receive through Jesus Christ grace upon grace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Merciful God, your closest friend turned his back on you,
causing the searing pain that betrayal leaves in its wake.
When we experience the turning of friendships, hold us up,
and help us to trust in the power of your healing grace. Amen.*

A Time to Reflect

Lighting the Peace Lamp & Praying for God’s Peace

Children’s Time

Scripture Reading

John 18:1-27

Sermon

A Time to Pray

*Turning to God in prayer, we pour out our hearts,
confident in God’s promise to hear and receive.*

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People (with Lord’s Prayer)

Response: LEADER: Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: We turn to you, O God.

A Time to Give

Celebrating ways faith in Jesus leads to generosity toward others.

Generosity Moment

Prayer

A Time to Be Sent

SENDING HYMN *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song* STJ 14

Benediction

May God's face turn toward you

And shine on you.

May God's unrelenting love

Give you strength on the hard days

And courage to turn toward compassion

For all who are hurting.

In the name of Jesus, who turns toward the cross

Bringing healing and hope for the world. Amen.

Postlude... remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical sending and blessing. **Coffee/tea fellowship time will follow worship today**, with **Sunday School classes** beginning at 11:00am.

Our Lent Worship services this year are adapted from liturgies prepared by WorshipWell. Used with permission.

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Generosity Moment: Russ Gaeddert

Children's Time: DeAnna Goering

Scripture Reader: Julie Esau

Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

WELCOME!!

We are so glad you are here!

EASTER 2022 (April 17) plans currently include:

9:00am potluck breakfast/brunch – bring your own table service

10:00am WORSHIP

ALL CHURCH PHOTO following worship (*no Sunday School*)

LENT 2022 - TURNING



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John's Gospel invites us into a season of intentional turning. Our hearts turn with compassion for those who grieve. Our lives turn toward our neighbor in acts of solidarity and service. Our eyes turn toward the cross and we see Jesus turning the world upside down with love.

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