



Third Sunday of Lent

Are you envious because I am generous?

March 12, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Words for Meditation - from *First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament* *

At the end of the day, the headman said to his manager, "Bring the workers in from the field and pay them, beginning from last to first." He paid the workers hired at the end of the day a full day's wage. When the workers who were hired at the start of the day were paid, they expected to receive more but were paid the same amount.

"We have worked all day in the scorching heat," they complained to the manager. "Why should we be paid the same as the ones who worked only one hour?"

"I am not being unfair with you, my friend," he said to one of them. "Did we not agree on the amount of a full day's wages? Take your payment and go in peace. If I want to pay these men the same, what is that to you? ***Am I not permitted to be generous with what is mine? Or are you jealous because I have done a good thing?***" (Mt. 20:8-16)

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 16)

Come, bless the Lord,
in whom we find our refuge and safety.

**You are our God;
all the good things come from You alone.**

Come, bless the Lord,
who gives us a rich inheritance,
and surrounds us with abundance.

**You are our God;
our lives are in your hands.**

Come, bless the Lord,
who guides us on the path of life,
whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

**You are our God;
we will not be shaken.**

Let's worship God together!

HYMN *What a Fellowship/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* VT 160

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

Greeting: *The Peace of Christ be with you!* Response: *And also with you!*

Praying for the Peace of Christ to Rule in our Hearts ~ *Philippians 4:4-9*

HYMN *Help Us to Help Each Other* VT 722

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer: *For Those With Whom Our Lives are Bound* VT 734

Announcements

SENDING

HYMN *Rain Down* VT 703

Benediction

Postlude ... remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing. Fellowship time follows worship, with coffee/tea/juice in the Common Grounds room. Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:00am.

*WORDS FOR MEDITATION: First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament (InterVarsity Press 2021 by Rain Ministries, Inc.).

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Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can also now donate electronically on our website! Between now and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, we will also be collecting coins in the buckets on the table and/or in the jug in the foyer!

Sound: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Nursery Attendant: Diane Ziemer
Ushers: Cheryl Warkentin & Marlene Thode
Pianists: Shelley Kauffman & DeAnna Goering
Worship Leader: Nick Krehbiel
Scripture Reader: Anita Kehr
Children's Time: DeAnna Goering
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!

COMING UP...

Mon March 13 – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wed March 15 – first Choir rehearsal . . . 5:30-6:30pm

Thurs March 16 – Congregational Ministry Team meeting @ 2:00
Faith Formation Team meeting @ 4:00

Sat March 25 – FMC serves at the Christian Soup Ministry – volunteers needed!

Sun April 2 – Palm Sunday

Sun April 9 – Easter breakfast potluck @ 9am; Worship @ 10am

March 2023 WNAF (Wednesday Nights at First)

Our Wednesday evening series has begun and will continue through March 29. We had a great start to the series on March 8!! ***The schedule is DIFFERENT than previous sessions, so take note:***

5:30-6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (*begins March 15*)

6:00-6:45pm Dinner served

6:50-7:50pm Bible Study (volunteers needed for childcare!)

Our Bible Study is part of the Anabaptist at 500 *Reading Scripture Together* project sponsored by MennoMedia. We will participate in creating the *Anabaptist Community Bible*, which will feature marginal notes and commentary from five hundred Bible study groups (including ours!) from a wide spectrum of Anabaptist faith communities. If you are planning to attend next Wednesday, you are invited to spend some time studying the scripture ahead of time. Please contact Pastor Tonya for the details and/or pick up a study sheet in the foyer.

Hymnals, ensemble music and more

Several more songbooks have been added to those you may take home with you. Check them out on the table in the foyer. If you wish to have multiple copies of any of these, let the church office know.



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