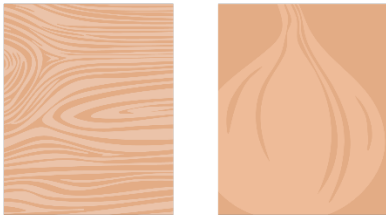


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THIRD SUNDAY in LENT

Lent is the 40-day journey toward the cross and empty tomb. It marks a season of self-examination, repentance – a turning away from sin and establishing practices of righteousness and a commitment to the message of the cross. This year, we will be using the resource *“The Message of Jesus” by Adam Hamilton*. Copies of the book are available at the Atrium entrance area.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Proverbs 1:3-8

Leader: If we indeed cry out for insight and raise our voice for understanding...

People: **Then will we find the knowledge of God.**

Leader: If we seek wisdom like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures...

People: **Then will we understand the fear of the Lord.**

Leader: For the Lord gives wisdom, and from the Lord's mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

People: **The Lord preserves the way of the faithful.**

*HYMN

Spirit Song
#347 UMH

O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have those things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain:

*Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.*

O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (Refrain)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe Jesus Christ brought God's Kingdom near,
calling all people to repent and believe the good news.**

**We believe his death on the cross
exposes both the reality of human sin
and the depths of God's selfless, sacrificial love.**

**We believe his resurrection
is God's ultimate victory over sin, hate, evil, and death.**

**We believe that through the Holy Spirit,
Jesus still calls us and all to repent
and believe the gospel,
yielding our hearts to God alone,
embodying in our lives
the justice, mercy, and love of God's rule.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-40 (NRSVUE)

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw

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you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
#2193 FWS

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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CONFESSONAL PRAYER

Jesus was quick to denounce self-righteous religious leaders and those who made the temple a marketplace. Jesus had compassion on the crowds, those afflicted and filled with heavy burdens. Because we have access to God's grace, let us seek the peace of God through prayer and repentance:

God of grace, you call on us to repent, to endure, and to hope: Strengthen us that we may work always for the common good. We confess that though we look for sin in others, we are reluctant to examine ourselves; we are caught up in worldly wisdom and forget your Word; we complain about troubles and fail to see your good gifts. Have patience with us and nurture us that we may grow in love.

As we prepare to live as your disciples, hear us as we pray saying:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE

While we were still sinners Christ died for us. We have been justified by His blood, and we are saved by His life given on the cross. This is proof of God's love for us. Thanks be to God for pardon and forgiveness.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

Respond: And also with you!

HYMN

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GIVING

*RESPONSE

#95, UMH

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.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:29-37 (NRSVUE)

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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MESSAGE

Jesus Spoke to Them in Parables
Rev. David W. Brown



BENEDICTION

May the God who shows mercy like the Samaritan,
Jesus Christ who is present in those who are least,
and the Holy Spirit who pours out extravagant love in
our hearts bless you and keep you, now and always.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer



*Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium
following the 9:40am service!*

*HYMN

Change My Heart, O God
#2152 FWS

Change my heart of God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart of God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

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8:20am in the Old Chapel
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7:00pm in the Sanctuary

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6:30pm at Gaines UMC in Madisonville

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