

TODAY, March 10

During Worship Children & Worship*
 Children can be picked up after worship in room 104/106.
 10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (9th-12th gr.)

Wednesday, March 13

6:15–7:30PM F3 (1st-4th gr.)
 6:15–7:30PM Mid-Grade Youth Group (5th-8th gr.)

Friday, March 15

5:00–10:30PM Claim Our Space Event (MGYG & HSYG)

Sunday, March 17

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 10:45–11:30AM NO Sunday School
 6:30–8:30PM High School Youth Group (9th-12th gr.)

Other Info to Note

⇒ **Snacks Needed for F3**—We need 24 pre-packaged, individual serving-sized bags each Wednesday. Examples- Goldfish bags, pretzels, animal crackers, etc. **Snacks must be peanut-free.**
Contact Pastor Elizabeth—elizabetharcoc@gmail.com

⇒ **Mid-grade and high school students are claiming their space!**
When: Friday, March 15 5:00–10:30PM
Where: Uhm . . . the youth space . . . obviously!
What: Play together. Eat together. Escape together.

At ARC children are invited to fully participate in worship, and all ages and stages are welcome in the service.

These ministries are also available to families during worship:

Worship Bags **Year Round**
 All Children pick up & drop off by elevator

Nursery **Year Round**
 Birth–3YO 9:15–11:30 AM
 Upper Level: #203

Children & Worship **Sept. 9 – May 5**
 3YO–1st Grade after children’s message*
 Lower Level: #104/106

*All children can be picked up after worship from room 104/106 in the lower level Children’s Ministry area.

291 **How Long, O Lord, How Long**

Chords: F, B^b, B^bm, F, G7, C, F, B^b, F, Gm7, F, C7, F

1 How long, O Lord, how long will e - vil's power pre - vail?
 Choose appropriate stanzas from stanza 2–7 below and conclude with stanza 8.
 8 How long, O Lord, how long? Grant strength of heart and nerve

We hope in Christ, who con - quered death, whose pur - pose can - not fail.
 to share your work of truth and love, to suf - fer and to serve.

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| 2 "How long, O Lord, how long," the starving millions cry, "Shall famine's blight our lives destroy, our children waste and die?" | 5 How long, O Lord, how long will walls we build divide, and pride of gender, race, or class another's worth deride? |
| 3 How long, O Lord, how long must homeless people lie without a bed in street and camp while others pass them by? | 6 How long, O Lord, how long must war its carnage spread and leave behind in ruined rows the harvest of the dead? |
| 4 How long, O Lord, how long will justice bow to greed, and wealth and power forge the chains that hold the poor in need? | 7 "How long, O Lord, how long?" we cry in our despair; yet, nailed upon the cross we see the emblem of your care. |



The Season of Lent—Week 1
 March 10, 2019



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ACCEPTANCE + GRACE + WISDOM + LOVE



THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.
Indicates the congregation may stand.

PRELUDE "The Church's One Foundation/Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Lent we gather on a journey of renewal. We gather...

as those who are celebrating
as those who are suffering
as those standing boldly in the light
as those hiding in shadows
as those who are heard and seen
as those who are voiceless and invisible
as those filled with hope
as those filled with doubt
as those who have a place
as those who are wandering

We gather as one people with one voice
joining the psalmist and an ancient congregation calling out,
"Come to us. Renew us according to your steadfast love."

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Come to Us"

*GOD'S GREETING & SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God with us-
We relish in success stories.
We like to hear about happy endings.
We are quick to join in celebration.
We bring these same desires into worship.
We gravitate to upbeat songs of praise.
We prefer positive and encouraging sermons.
We hope to leave worship with a spiritual boost for the week.
Yet, the world and our worship is not the way you intended.
The truth is that the suffering, injustice, and pain
in the world need to be named.
Your ancient people gave us a model for naming the truth
of the world's condition through the practice of lament.
By your Spirit, give us courage to learn from them.
And just as you used the spiritual practice of lament
to renew an ancient people, renew us, transform us, save us.
In Jesus' name we pray . . . amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE "Every Promise"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children & Worship meets in the lower level children's ministry rooms (directly under the nursery). Children ages 3 to 1st grade are welcome to attend. Worship bags and coloring pages are by the elevator for children who remain in worship.

*SONG OF PREPARATION "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
sing twice, second time a cappella

SCRIPTURE Lamentations 1:1-4

SERMON Lamentations: The Purpose of Lament

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

SONG OF LAMENT "Forsaken"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*DOXOLOGY p. 809
Congregation, please stand when organ begins playing.

*SONG OF RESPONSE "How Long, O Lord, How Long"
vs. 1, 4, 5, 7

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "How Long, O Lord, How Long"
v. 8

*POSTLUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King"

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PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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| The Congregation | Serving the Lord in Worship |
| Pam Anderson | Worship Accompanist |
| Pam Anderson, Doug DeZeeuw, Marlene DeZeeuw, | |
| Elizabeth Kensak, Katie Kensak | Praise Team |
| Rosalyn DeKoster, Philip DeKoster | Song of Lament |
| Pastor Mike & Pastor Elizabeth | Worship Leaders |
| Gail Marincovich | Children's Message |

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*Pray for **Mitch & Sandie Kinsinger** as they seek treatments for Mitch's lymphoma and Sandie's myelodysplastic syndrome. Notes and cards of encouragement can be sent to them at:

Mitch & Sandie Kinsinger
3809 E 52nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

*Pray for **Jerry Brown, Pastor Elizabeth's father**, who had a malignant tumor removed from behind his ear on February 13 and will begin radiation treatment after the surgical site heals.

*Pray for **Dorothy Brown, Pastor Elizabeth's grandmother**, who was admitted to the Orange City Area Health System Hospital on March 3. Pray for this family as they navigate all these health concerns.

*Pray for **Northwestern College Students, Faculty, and Staff** traveling over spring break. Pray especially for **Kit Fynaardt** as he returns from his spring service partnership project this week.

EVENTS FOR TODAY

◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship** in the Coffee Fellowship Area

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 11

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center
Grandview Cottage Dining Room
6:30 PM Consistory Meeting

Saturday, March 16

9:00-11:00 AM Volunteers Needed

◆ **All are invited to help set up the Fellowship Hall for worship.** We will be setting up chairs, dusting, vacuuming, and sanitizing the lower level as we prepare to move worship to the Fellowship Hall while the Sanctuary undergoes renovation work. Many hands are needed for a variety of jobs. **Please call (712-737-4430) or email (americanchurchoc@gmail.com) the church office to sign up.**

Sunday, March 17

10:45 - 11:30 AM ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

◆ **Text to Turf: Bringing Today's Sermon into My Week**
Location: Youth Room (Lower Level)

