

# Third Sunday of Lent

## Today We Celebrate Communion

March 4, 2018

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During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. <http://www.umc.org/topics/topic-lent-and-easter>

**PRELUDE:** Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God’s presence as Martha Dienst and our worship team leads us in songs of praise.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

†**OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP:** *I Will Worship  
The Processional and Illumination*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsively) (adapted from Psalm 19)

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect refreshing the soul.

**All: The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to our eyes.**

Leader: Who can see and discern their own errors and sins?

**All: Keep your servants from willful sins so that they will not blind us or rule over us.**

Leader: Then we will be blameless and innocent of transgressions.

**All: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Amen

†**SONGS OF WORSHIP:** How Deep The Father’s Love For Us;  
He Is My Peace

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Pastor Cal

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Choir Anthem:** “Jesus Paid It All”

† Doxology # 95

† Prayer of Dedication

### COMMUNION AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Scripture reading: Luke 22:14-20

Prayer of Preparation Hymnal page 892

Invitation to receive

Distribution of the elements

**Song of Meditation of the Bread:** *Search Me O God*

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**Song of Meditation of the Cup:** *Nothing but the Blood*

Hymn # 362

### CHILDREN and YOUTH PRAYER

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

*We share words of celebration and thanksgiving*

*We share our prayer needs and petitions*

*Pastor: The Lord is with you.*

**Congregation: And also with you**

*Pastor: Lord have mercy.*

**Congregation: Christ have mercy.**

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

### SCRIPTURE

Old Testament lesson: **Psalm 51:1-2, 6-7, 10 & 12**

PEW BIBLE 492

New Testament lesson: **Philippians 4:6 & 7** PEW BIBLE 1024

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

†**GLORIA PATRI:**

Hymn # 71

### Lenten Series: What is Lent all about?

*Prayer, Supplication, with Fasting and Sackcloth and Ashes.*

**TODAY’S MEDITATION:** *Making Supplication*

Pastor Cal

†**CLOSING HYMN:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Hymn # 526

*The Recessional*

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

† **All who are able, please stand.**

Thank You for turning off your cell phones and bringing only water into the sanctuary ☺

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

- **Stewardship Giving Tree:** You will see a tree out in the narthex asking for items to be donated to the church, We ask that you take a tag or two off the tree and bring the donation back to us next Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>! There will be no receipt provided towards the cost of these donation and we thank you in advance!
- **Men's Fellowship-** If you are interesting in going on a fishing trip in the spring, please sign up in the narthex, more information to follow!
- **MAKE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD SATURDAY NIGHT 10<sup>TH</sup> BEFORE BED!!!!**
- **POLICY MEETING TEUSDAY THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FOR 7PM ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!**

### **March 4, 2018**

Greeters: ADAM & JENNIE  
LEBLANC  
Ushers: DOLLY & WES  
BOUTELLE  
Co-leader: DEB SCORTICO

### **March 11, 2018**

Greeters: BARBARA  
WALKER & BONNIE GORDON  
Ushers: JOHN WALKER &  
RICHARD GORDON  
Co-leader: CINDY CARVILL

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