

Jesse Lee United Methodist Church
March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**You are invited to stand as you are able and willing.*

"Everyone who thirsts come to the waters."

Prelude *Seasonal Music*

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: O God, my God, we seek you.

*P: **Our souls thirst for you.***

L: Our spirits long for you,

*P: **for we are parched and weary in these times, these wilderness places.***

L: But your love, O God, is better even than life.

*P: **Our words will praise you, our actions bless you..***

L: Let us seek the Lord where God may be found.

*P: **Call upon the Holy One, who is near.***

L: We will bless you as long as we live.

*P: **We will lift up our hands and call on your name.***

***Opening Hymn:** *"We Are God's People" TFWS #2220*

Opening Prayer (In unison)/Prayer of Confession

Holy One, when we are alone in the desert, wandering through the wilderness, we call to you, for you are our help. Our souls cling to you. Come, God and hold us up. God of mercy, we long to come when you call, yet often do not. When we are most alone, we fail to turn to you. When we are most afraid we do not always think we can turn to you. When we are lost, hurting, and in pain, we fail to realize how much we suffer. We

refuse to ask for help. Forgive us. Come bring your presence and fill us with your peace. Amen.

Prayers of the Christ's Church for Others and Ourselves

(Sharing Our Joys and Concerns)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Children's Time

"Jesus Loves Me"

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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

*"You Are The Christ" from the Cantata, "Who Is This King"
by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin*

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-9*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: *Luke 13: 1-9*

Message: *"Thirsty Souls" Pastor Fern Blair Hart*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn: *"Living for Jesus" TFWS # 2149*

+Exchange of Signs of the Peace of the Risen Christ

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts to the Glory of God

Offertory *"In Flanders Fields"*

Music by John Jacobson and Roger Emerson

+Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (In unison)

Patient and merciful God, we bring our offerings humbly on this day, hoping they will bring fruit to the ministry of your church on earth. We ourselves have not always set our priorities on bearing good fruit, and yet you are a patient gardener. You have sent saints into our midst to make the soil richer, yet like the stubborn fig tree, good fruit has been scarce. May reason feed our spirits to bring forth the fruit you desire. We pray in the name of our savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen. ([Luke 13:1-9](#))

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal" UMH#580

Benediction

Postlude "Danny Boy" Old Irish Folk Tune

Lections for 3-27-2022: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

* The Lenten Book Study "Witness at the Cross" continues Tuesday March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom See Pastor Fern for details

* *Save the Date:* Semi-Annual Document Shredding Event Saturday May 14th 8:30am to 12:30pm Rain or Shine \$15 per box and \$10 per box for seniors

* **Support For Ukraine** Throughout Lent we will be collecting money for UMCOR International Disaster Response. Please write checks to Jesse Lee UMC with UMCOR in the memo line. Also, prayers for peace and healing are crucial at this time. - OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Holy Week: Palm Sunday 4/10 @ 10:00am, Maundy Thursday 4/14 @ 7:00pm, Good Friday 4/15 @ noon, Easter Sunday 4/17 @ 10:00am

*Tag Sale @ THE EASTON SENIOR CENTER 650 Morehouse Road, Tuesdays 3/17- thru 4/29. 8am-3pm. Proceeds to provide classes for seniors. For more information call 203-268-1145

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