

**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 20, 2022**

**Gathering**  
***God invites us to enter His presence***

**Prelude**                      *There Is a Name I Love to Hear*                      *Mansfield*  
   *Canon in D*                                      *Pachelbel*  
   *John Steingata*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)                                      *Barb Finch*

Let us worship God, who has done great things.  
**We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**  
Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.  
**We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**  
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.  
**We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

 **Invocation**    *Barb Finch*

Gracious God,  
out of your love and mercy  
you breathed into dust the breath of life,  
creating us to serve you and our neighbors.  
Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness  
and strengthen us to face our mortality,  
that we may reach with confidence for your mercy  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 462**                      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**Confessing**  
***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Prayer of Confession**    *Barb Finch*

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy,  
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts.

Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you.  
Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children,  
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Time for Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Barb Finch*

The Lord God said:  
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;  
I will remove from you your heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh.  
Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."  
Hear the good news: Through Christ,  
our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
A-men, A-men.*

#### **Offering**

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation**      With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy.  
With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love.  
With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

#### **Offering**

**Offertory**      Be Thou My Vision      arr. Shackley

#### **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that in the midst of death all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Hymn**      *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (Dayspring)*

*Christ whose glory fills the skies  
Christ the true the only Light  
Sun of righteousness arise  
Triumph o'er the shades of night  
Dayspring from on high be near  
Daystar in my heart appear*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till thy mercy's beams I see  
Till they inward light impart  
Glad my eyes and warm my heart*

*Visit then this soul of mine  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief  
Fill me radiance divine  
Scatter all my unbelief  
More and more thyself display  
Shining to the perfect day*

## **Proclaiming** **God speaks to us through His Word**

**Children's Sermon**

*Tails You Lose*

*Val Petrie*

## **Prayer of Illumination**

## **Scripture Reading**      *Matthew 7:7-11*

<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Who among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him.

**Sermon**

*"The Father's Character"*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God's Word***

 **Hymn 42**                      *Seek Ye First*

 **Profession of Faith**

I believe that God,  
because of Christ's satisfaction,  
will no longer remember  
any of my sins  
or my sinful nature  
which I need to struggle against all my life.  
Rather, by grace  
God grants me the righteousness of Christ  
to free me forever from judgment.

**Commissioning**  
***God sends us out into the world as His witnesses***

 **Hymn 405**                      *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are  
Barb Finch & Dan Obenschain*

 **Postlude**                      *Allegro Vivace*                      *Handel*