

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER .....Pastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.*

*Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.*

*Elijah got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.*

*Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.*

Pastor: Lord God, who cleansed the earth through forty days of floods,

**People: and gave Your guiding law through forty days of worship,**

Pastor: who revived Elijah through forty days of pilgrimage,

**People: and sent Your Son to fight our foe through forty days of fasting;**

Pastor: grant us grace to enter the flood, the fire, the desert,

**People: the penitence and the journey; the emptiness and the fasting,**

Pastor: that leads us to Gethsemane, and the dark scene of Golgotha,

**People: and leave us at the empty tomb, to see Your risen Son.**

**All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON... *Psalm 19:7-14*.....Reggie Jackson

The Law of the LORD is perfect; it gives us new life. His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people. <sup>8</sup>The LORD's instruction is right; it makes our hearts glad. His commands shine brightly, and they give us light. <sup>9</sup>Worshiping the LORD is sacred; he will always be worshiped. All of his decisions are correct and fair. <sup>10</sup>They are worth more than the finest gold and are sweeter than honey from a honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>By your teachings, Lord, I am warned; by obeying them, I am greatly rewarded. <sup>12</sup>None of us know our faults. Forgive me when I sin without knowing it. <sup>13</sup>Don't let me do wrong on purpose, Lord, or let sin have control over my life. Then I will be innocent and not guilty of some terrible fault. <sup>14</sup>Let my words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, LORD, because you are my mighty rock and my protector.

HYMN ... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... 48

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE .....Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors**

**as ourselves. We pray you: in your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Will You Come and Follow Me"...vs. 1, 2, 3 and 5 ..... 473

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 18:12-27*..... Molly Abbott

<sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

ANTHEM ... "Didn't I Deny?" ..... Choir

SERMON ..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "Wherever He Leads I'll Go"...vs. 1, 2 and 4 ..... 491

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

**USHERS**

**TODAY** ..... Jeff Robinson's Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Dwight Saunders' Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TODAY** ..... Carrie, Isai Robledo and Tammy Dunn

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Barbara Smith, Mary Williams, Angel Robinson

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**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

6:00 p.m. ....Choir Practice

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m..... **TEAM 2**

6:45 p.m..... Bible Study, Youth and Children's Activities

**THURSDAY**

11:00 – 12:00 noon..... **COMMUNITY MEAL ... Fellowship Hall**

**Vegetable soup and grilled cheese ... Everyone Invited!**

**SATURDAY**

9:00 a.m.....**CHURCH WORK DAY!**

**PRAYER LIST**

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Carolyn Brown, Paul Hussey			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	Bob Moore	nephew
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i> Molly/Wayne Abbott			Candy Loflin	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Monnie Jenkins	friend	Harold Lynthacum	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	Jean Maness	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister	Sylvia McAlister	Beth Holt	friend
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Pat/Bob Morgan	Misty Morgan	friend.
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Jeff Robinson	Jo Brooks	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Nancy Ruppert	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Barbara Smith	Melissa Green	daughter
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters		Stephen Lynthacum	son
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend		Carol Luther	friend
Ray, Frances Hudson	Harold Johnson	brother		Tammy Parker	friend
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law		Jesse Wallace	friend
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend		June Spears	friend
				Marie Spoon	sister
				Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07**

**Monthly budget needs ..... \$10,911.66**

**Last week's offering .... \$3,027.25**

**February offering..... \$ 7,095.75**

**Year to date... -\$8,295.91 under budget**