

3rd Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Sanctuary Choir

***Call to Worship**

Greeting/Call to Worship (adapted from the Isaiah reading):

Reader 1 (standing at the font):

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Reader 2 (standing at the table):

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Reader 3 (standing at the lectern holding up the lectern Bible or
lectionary book):

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

All:

Lord we seek you; we return to you.
Have mercy upon us.
May your word bear fruit in us
and our spirits and bodies be refreshed in your nearness.

***Hymn #121**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Opening Prayer

**Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning,
Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from
our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead
to peace and service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray.
AMEN.**

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 55:1-9

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Psalter** – Psalm 63:1-8

Hymnal, Page 788, Response 1

***Gloria Patri #70**

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Hymn #348**

Softly and Tenderly

***Gospel Reading** – Luke 13:1-9

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Children's Message

Sermon – “Mercy”

Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith #881** – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: **Hear our Prayer.**

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Offering & Offertory

For Those Tears I Died
Ken Ritter, soloist

***Doxology** (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

***The Great Thanksgiving** (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

***The Lord's Prayer**

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn #519** (vss. 1 & 3)

Lift Every Voice and Sing

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**For those who are able, please stand*