

Do Justice Love Mercy Walk Humbly with your God

Welcome!

We're glad YOU
are here!

**Lent is ... a journey with
Jesus toward Jerusalem.**

In that journey, we seek to be guided, as Jesus was, by the words of Prophets like Micah, who called all people back from empty rituals and self-centered worship ... to live as God wanted them to live: Doing Justice, Loving Mercy, Walking Humbly with God (Micah 6:8). In this Lenten season, with Micah as our guide, we will journey with Jesus toward his Triumphal Entry, his rejection, arrest and death, and his resurrection, which becomes our resurrection as well.



CHRIST
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CHURCH

A community
centered in Christ,
gathering in love,
growing by grace,
going forth to serve.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020 • 11:00am

OPENING PRAISE

Call to Worship (*see projection on screen*)

You Have Shown Us

Prayer of Confession (*read in unison*)

Lord our God, the help of all who flee to you, the hope of all who cry to you, cleanse us from our sin. Forgive those secret sins that eat away within us and our obvious sins that eat away at others.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us that we might be free to live and love as you intend. (*silent prayers are offered*)

Assurance of Forgiveness

“Once we were not a people, but now we are God’s people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:10)

Forgiven, we can now live as those who love mercy.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole.

Thanks be to God!

King of My Heart

Way Maker

Passing the Peace of Christ

COMMUNITY

Welcome & Announcements

Ministers
The People

Preacher
Rev. Sharol Hayner

Minute for Mission
Rich Henderson

Prayers of the People
Rev. Tom Robinson

Worship Director
Vocals, Piano
Natalie Handley

Vocals
Sarah Statz
Aaron Wellman

Acoustic Guitar, Vocals
Derek Handley

Bass Guitar, vocals
Mary Strait

Drums
Will Ault

Flute
Angie Dickens

Slides
Jessica Reed

Audio-Visual Coordinator
Bryan Yates

First Impressions
Team
Bev Faga
Brenda & Marty McMiller
Malvina & Fabrice Nyanjo

Minute for Mission

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

John 4:5-42

Message

Why Mercy Matters

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offering

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

The candle display on our communion table helps mark our 40 day Lenten journey. Six Lenten candles, purple for repentance, surround the Christ candle, white for purity.

One candle is extinguished each Sunday – a rite of diminishing light to represent Christ's giving up of self. (Philippians 2:5-8)

On Good Friday, the Christ candle is extinguished, leaving darkness. On Easter morning, it is lit again as a sign of Christ's resurrection.

Lenten Candles Reflection

Prayers of the People

The Kingdom is Yours

Blessing

NEXT STEPS

A working definition of mercy: *love that responds to human need in an unexpected or unmerited way. We love mercy as we receive it as a precious gift from God. Loving mercy and living mercifully reveals God to those around us.*

How might you extend mercy to someone this week – loving in an unexpected or unmerited way? Ask God to show you what that might look like for you.

What about Jesus' encounter and conversation with the woman at the well feels like mercy to you? What doesn't feel like mercy to you? Sit with that tension for a bit.