



*Third Sunday of Lent*



March 20, 2022

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# Centering Thoughts

God's grace is like sunshine; it shines on all without discrimination.  
—Amma

We are all flawed...Perfection doesn't exist in anyone. Nor does a person's mistakes make them less valuable to the world.  
—Shannon L. Alder

Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle.  
—Charles F. Glassman

The self-righteous scream judgments against others to hide the noise of skeletons dancing in their own closets.  
—John Mark Green

## Welcome!

### Prelude

### Invitation to Worship

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The Creator invites us to experience true freedom through dedication to the divine will.

**Jesus Christ challenges us to lose our selfishness in order to find ourselves.**

The Holy Spirit calls us to give of ourselves so we can receive life's fullness.

**Dying to what is deadly and destructive, we are reborn into new life as God's children.**

**Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH #89

**Scripture:**

Luke 15:1-3, 25-32

**Message:** "The Other Sibling"

Pastor Lura Kidner-Miesen

**Hymn:** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH #560

## 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Song:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lonna Capaci, Chaundra Carter  
& Eric McKirdy

### Closing blessing

Go into this week knowing who you are. You are a child of God — welcomed, celebrated, and loved. Show others that they, too, are children of God — welcomed, celebrated, and loved. Amen.

## Postlude



## Announcements

~ We celebrate that we can sing during in-person worship! (Please continue to wear a mask.)

~ The church's COVID Team will answer questions, listen to comments, and explain the church COVID policy today, March 20. Everyone is invited to meet at the front of the Sanctuary about 10 minutes after the worship service ends.

~ Next Sunday, March 27, we will sing the winners of our church's hymn contest. If you have not yet turned in your ten favorite hymns, please do so as soon as possible.

~ Our United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is helping refugees who are fleeing Russia's brutal war on Ukraine. UMCOR also helps disaster victims in the U.S. and around the world. You may support this vital work by noting on your check that it is for "UMCOR," or by donating through our church website.

~ Our first Lenten Organ Recital will be online this evening at 7 p.m. There will be a new organ recital each Sunday through April 10.

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