#### **Prayer Concerns**

°Condolences to the family of Nadine Brooke, mother of Danielle (and Jeremy) Walsh on her passing	°Condolences to the family of Jan Praedel, on her passing
*Chris Byrns' niece	°Joanne H., Natalie W.'s aunt
*Callahan H., grandson of the H.'s and B.'s	*John S.

<sup>\*=1</sup> week °=2 weeks '=3 weeks \*=4 weeks on prayer list

### This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/24 Iris Stroup 3/28 Ed and Barb Brewster

3/25 Marilyn Ransom

3/27 Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

#### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Liturgist: John Wolter Organist: Javier Gonzalez

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Liz Lavelle

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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## **Third Sunday of Lent**

March 23, 2025 10:30 am

#### Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

P: And also with you.

#### **Celebration of Ministries and Missions**

**Prelude** Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured Mark Jones

#### \*Call to Worship

John Wolter

L: Children of God, what has God done for you?

P: God saves, provides, and holds us in God's steadfast love.

L: Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?

P: God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.

L: When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus' story that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?

P: God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.

L: Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

P: We come to worship and cling to God, for God's steadfast love never fails!

#### \*Unison Prayer

Lord God, our source of never-ending love, we gather together to celebrate your love. We pray that we will be your people; a people called to share your love with your people everywhere. Strengthen, nurture, and empower us to be your servants, your healers in a world that desperately needs to be served and healed. We pray in Jesus' loving name. Amen.

\*Old Testament Reading Psalm 63:1-8

\*Hymn Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH 381

#### Prayers of the People

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps; yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit in a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill; we are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.

#### **Words of Assurance**

L: God's grace and mercy abounds.

P: God is with us in change.

L: God's everlasting arms embrace us.

All: Each of us is beloved, affirmed and set free.

#### 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.

**Anthem** His Eye Is on the Sparrow arr. Mark Hayes

\*Thankfulness for Our Offerings

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Prayer for Our Offerings

**Gospel Reading** Luke 13:1-13

**Hymn** A Charge to Keep I Have UMH 413

**Sermon** "Surprised" Joel Chermonte

\*Hymn Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH 557

#### \*Benediction

L: May God bless you with the hope to cling to God, knowing that in the highs and lows, the joys and the sorrows, the known and unknown of this life, God's love never fails. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

**Postlude** Glory be to Jesus Robert A. Hobby (You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

\*Please stand if you are able.

