



For the Lord is good.  
His unfailing love continues  
forever, and his faithfulness  
continues to each generation.

— Psalm 100:5

March 12, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE	“Morning Hymn” (Flor Peeters)	Henry Repp
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Kathleen Meredith
	We wonder if it is important to come to church. <b>We come to be in God’s holy presence.</b> We wonder if worshipping with others matters. We want to know. <b>Let us join together with praise on our lips and joy in our hearts!</b>	
*OPENING HYMN	“We Are the Church”	UMH 558
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
	<b>God of community, challenge us, surprise us, stretch us as we come together to worship You. May we find that, within our shared stories, Your story is revealed. Amen.</b>	
ANTHEM	“Lenten Prayer” (Pergolesi/arr. Lieberger)	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

## Psalm 100 (NLT)

- 1 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing with joy.
- 3 Acknowledge that the Lord is God!  
He made us, and we are his.  
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him and praise his name.

5 For the Lord is good.

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and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

ANTHEM “May the Road Rise to Meet You” (Schweizer) Chancel Choir

SERMON Questions to God: “Why Should I Go to Church?” Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY “Offertory” (Martin) Henry Repp

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Kathleen Meredith

**Lord, You are good. Your steadfast love endures forever.  
Your faithfulness endures to all generations. We release our  
gifts to You today, trusting in Your good, steadfast, and  
faithful love. Thank you for letting us be Your church. Help  
us to keep being Your church, the body of Christ in this  
world, for generations to come. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH 557

SERVICE OF DIMINISHING LIGHTS Kathleen Meredith

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE “Festal Voluntary” (Flor Peeters) Henry Repp

**Did you know...?**

**The color of the drape on the banner on the altar  
changes weekly during Lent.**

**Today's drape is blue and symbolizes a summons to  
loyalty for the people of God.**

## Schedule This Week...

<b>Monday, March 13:</b>	<b>10 Chair Yoga HH</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 14:</b>	<b>5 Manna House \$5 Spaghetti Dinner at 1st Presbyterian</b>
<b>Thursday, March 16:</b>	<b>7 Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Saturday, March 18:</b>	<b>9-2 Treasures of Hope 10 Unity Choir</b>
<b>Sunday, March 19:</b>	<b>9 Joy Fellowship Service &amp; Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Service 2 Unity Choir Rehearsal</b>

### Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Organist/Music Director  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig  
Kathleen Meredith  
Henry Repp  
Fred Fox  
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