

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(\*=**please stand if you are able**)

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**P: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

L: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**P: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.**

L: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**P: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. Let us worship God!**

**Hymn of the Month GTG#646**

**“Sing Out, My Soul/Magnificat”**

**Call to Confession**

Christ calls us to live lives in harmony with our God and our neighbors. Even our best efforts fall short. Yet our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting that abundant mercy, let us confess our sin together

**Prayer of Confession**

God of righteousness, we confess that have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and sexual assault, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, “God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.” The grace of Christ is sufficient for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri GTG#581**

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

**Prayer for Illumination**

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You must have no other gods before me. Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents’ sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. Do not use the Lord your God’s name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won’t forgive anyone who uses his name that way. Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you. Do not kill. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not testify falsely against your neighbor. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor’s house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

L: This is the word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:**

**Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved. It is written in scripture: *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will reject the intelligence of the intelligent.* Where are the wise? Where are the legal experts? Where are today’s debaters? Hasn’t God made the wisdom of the world foolish? In God’s wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn’t come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching. Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but

we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God’s power and God’s wisdom. This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Hey You! Intelligent Ones”

**Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez**

**Hymn (See Insert)**

**“God of Grace and God of Glory / Dios de gracia, Dios de gloria”**

**THE EUCHARIST**

**\*Invitation to the table**

**\*Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion Hymn (See Insert)**

**“Come, Share the Lord”**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Words of Gratitude**

God’s house does not operate according to the logic of the market, but according to the abundance of God’s grace. Let us each give what we have, trusting that by God’s generosity, it will be enough. Let us receive the morning offering.

**Offertory GTG#205**

**RESPOND IN GRACE**

**“Live in Charity / Ubi Caritas”**

Live in Charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

**\* Doxology**

**“Amen We Praise Your Name O God”**

Sing amen.

Amen, we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.)

Amen, we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.)

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Masithi.

Amen, siakudu misa. (Masithi.)

Amen, siakudu misa. (Masithi.)

Amen, bawo, amen, bawo.

Amen, siakudu misa.

**Prayer of Dedication** (“We Give Thee but Thine Own,” GtG #708)

We give thee but thine own, Whate’er the git may be; All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord from thee. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn GTG#654**

**“In The Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

Body of Christ, go forth from this place knowing that it is your Lord who drives you out into the world. Go forth, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be the very place where God’s presence dwells. And as you go, may Christ’s grace nurture your heart, God’s justice guide your mind, and the Holy Spirit’s power fill your every breath, To the glory of our living Lord, Amen.

**The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**Amen**

**Postlude**

### Prayers of the People

Table-turning God, we praise you, for in taking on flesh and dwelling among us, you hallowed all human experience. We thank you for the gift of emotions – from joy to sorrow to anger. Help us to regulate our inclinations and impulses. May we always stay attuned to the guidance you give us through the feelings of our bodies, minds and spirits.

God of holy traditions, we give you thanks for the rituals that shape our lives, give us meaning, and draw us closer to you. Enliven us and keep us from growing rigid in our sacred practices. Shake up our systems so that we may draw closer to you.

God of justice and righteousness, we pray for the healing of the nations. Guide rulers and citizens with your wisdom and compassion. Teach us to care for the poor and vulnerable. Drive out ignorance, hatred and greed from all the earth's peoples.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose body was and is God's own temple, we thank you for the variety of bodies you have made in your image. Keep us always appreciative of the delightful diversity of your people. We pray for bodies that are broken, sick, weary or growing old. Send your loving presence to all who seek healing in body, mind or spirit.

Comfort all who are afflicted, and with the generative fire of your Holy Spirit, lovingly afflict all who are comfortable. All this we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying, **"Our Father..."**

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where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and  
children share in leadership; and where the strength  
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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## **EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024**

**In person hybrid worship** is at 11AM

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

One tap mobile

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**Drumming Program** will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The next session will be March 4 at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

**Hybrid English Bible Study** will be on Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Link bible study

By computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 376 838 854

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**Spanish Bible Study** will be on Wednesdays.

**Coffee Hour** following worship today

**Annual Congregational Meeting** will be March 10<sup>th</sup> following worship.

**Please Share your tithes and offerings** using the QR code below



## **Prayers and Praise**

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Please pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please Pray for Orr family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

**Praise Songs and Hymns**

**Sing Out, My Soul/Magnificat**

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.  
Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free.  
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.  
Sing out and glorify the Lord God!

Magnificat. Magnificat.  
Magnificat anima mea Dominum.  
Magnificat. Magnificat.  
Magnificat anima mea!

**God of Grace and God of Glory / Dios de gracia, Dios de gloria**

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy pow'r;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, Assail His ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our heart to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Dios de gracia, Dios de gloria, Danos presto tu poder;  
A tu amada iglesia adorna Con un nuevo florecer.  
Danos luz y valentía  
En la hora del deber, En la hora del deber.

Hoy las fuerzas del maligno Nos acosan sin cesar;  
De temor y duda, Cristo Puede al alma resguardar.  
Danos luz y valentía  
Para nunca desmayar, Para nunca desmayar.

**Come, Share the Lord**

We gather here in Jesus' name  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame  
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;  
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here He breaks the bread  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead  
The One we love the most is now our gracious host  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

We are now a family of which the Lord is head;  
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord.

**In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful**

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.