

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 20, 2022

GATHERING SONG *Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us*

UMH #381

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
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We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
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Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
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Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, my God, we seek you.

P: Our souls thirst for you.

L: Our spirits long for you,

P: But Your love, O God, is better even than life.

L: Let us seek the Lord where God may be found.

P: Call upon the Holy One, who is near.

L: We will bless You as long as we live.

P: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

HYMN *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

UMH #361

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

OPENING PRAYER (spoken in unison)

Holy One, our souls cling to You. Come, God, and hold us up. Come, bring Your presence and fill us with Your peace. In the shadow of Your wings, we will sing for joy. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (spoken in unison)

God of Mercy, we long to come when You call, yet often we do not. When we are most alone, we fail to turn to You. When we are most afraid, we do not always think of Your presence. When we are lost, hurting, or in pain, we fail to realize how much we suffer. As we seek Your presence, help us place our trust in the grace of Your heart, and help us begin again. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE- Pastor Richard

Anything we have done, God already knows. Anything we have hidden, God has already seen. God's love for us and grace to us are higher than we can imagine, deeper than we guessed. Before we have asked, God's mercy has already been given. For God does not waste our struggle, but uses them to help us grow. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken in unison)

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

OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

HYMN *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

UMH #348

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

**O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]**

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: The Word of the Lord. **P:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Stop Wasting Time and Money”

Rev. Richard Baker

HYMN *Just As I Am without One Plea*

UMH #357

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

BENEDICTION

L: People of God, listen that you may live. Go forth and seek the Lord. Find that which is holy wherever you go. As our soul have been fed, so may we share our gifts and our blessings with others.

P: Amen.

SENDING SONG *On Eagle's Wings*

UMH #143

**And God will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of God's hand**