## March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Prelude:** Blessed Are Ye Faithful Johannes Brahms

**Chiming of the Hour** 

\*Hymn: #803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Welcome

**Joys and Concerns** 

**Choral Introit:** *Holy, Holy, Holy* 

#### **Call to Worship**

One: Faith is the gift of God. Come worship our Creator

and feed your faith.

All: God is like a gardener who won't let the beloved plants wither.

One: Faith is the gift of God. Lift praise to Jesus Christ

and find the new way to life.

All: Jesus is like a gardener who tends and

fertilizes the soil of our hearts.

One: Faith is the gift of God. Call upon the Holy Spirit

and grow in discipleship.

All: The Holy Spirit is like a gardener coaxing us to

bear fruit that will glorify God.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

#### **Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you from our sinful ways. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### Call to Confession

#### **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Great Shepherd, we thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered far from the paths of integrity, justice and peace that you have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, you prefer people like us and not those who appear, believe, or act differently. Even as we say those words, we know we are not in tune with your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking mercy, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

### Moment of Silence

#### **Assurance of God's Love**

\*Gloria Patri: 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.

#### **Responsive Reading - Psalm 23**

(Page 617 HS in the pew bible)

## Reading from the Hebrew Scripture -

I Samuel 16:1-13

(Page 322 HS in the pew bible)

**Children's Message and Lord's Prayer** (debts) (Children will leave for Sunday School and Youth

Discussion Group)

\*Hymn: #451 Open My Eyes That I May See

## Offering of Gifts

Anthem: Sanctus Charles Gounod

Deryl Godshall, tenor soloist

\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

### New Testament Reading - John 9:1-41

(Page 125 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Eyes Wide Open"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

#### **Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer**

Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

\*Hymn: #450 Be Thou My Vision

**Benediction** 

**Response:** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* **Postlude:** O My Soul Rejoices S. Karg-Elert

(\* Please stand if able)

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to our Pastor or to one of the Deacons.

We give special thanks to Deryl Godshall for the tenor solo in the morning anthem.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. All are welcome. Our host today is Peggy Sands.

#### Please see an usher:

If you would like to use a hearing device; If you would like to bring your child to the Nursery

## Many thanks to:

Theresa Carroll for serving as lay reader Orrin and Erik Rydingsword for ushering

### <u>Prayer List</u>

Walter Crain, Alice Gustafson, Leonard Kaufman, Laura Flores, Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacquette, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Gay Ayers, The Sosnoff Family, Wilma Tillerman, Will.

#### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

Today: 11:30 am New Members Class

11:30 am Fall Festival Meeting 3-5 pm Lenten Series, *Spiritual Encouragement for Individuals, Congregations and Communites*,

Reverend Donna Schaper

Tuesday: 5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday: 5:30-7:30 pm St. Mary's Lenten Program,

Peace Through Understanding, Pastor Diane is the guest speaker

7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study

7 pm HousTonics Rehearsal

Friday: 7:30 am Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday: New Covenant Members Service

11:30 am Trustees Meeting 1 pm Memorial Service for

Margaret Murphy 2 pm Service at Noble

The Call to the Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, following worship.
All are welcome to attend.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **LENTEN DINNERS**

**Only One Dinner Left!** You are invited to join the congregation for **dinner Wednesday evening, April 5**<sup>th</sup>. The Deacon's will host a simple meal of soup and salad from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm. All are welcome! To sign up, access the *Doodle Poll* in the Weekly e-blast or call the office.

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