

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

## WELCOME

## **Praise and Prayer**

### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to this time of worship in reverent awe..

**People: The place where we are standing is holy ground.**

Leader: Know the presence and power of the living God.

**People: God comes to us as a burning fire that does not consume, a revelation bringing warmth and vitality.**

Leader: We have known God throughout our history.

**People: Yet there is so much of God we do not know. God's purposes are so far beyond our understanding.**

Leader: Now in these moments we would be open to the unexpected.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit that we may respond. Discipline and cultivate us, that our lives may bear fruit.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #381  
Words attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp and Music by William B. Bradbury

### PRAYER

*During this time of prayer, we invite you to name aloud or quietly in your heart the prayers that are on your heart. After a time of prayer lead by Pastor Brian, we'll pray together the Lord's Prayer.*

Naming our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

SPECIAL MUSIC "God Be in My Head" Chancel Choir  
Words and Music by Colin Brumby

## **Hearing the Word**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Brian

*During the Children's Message, children of all ages are welcome to come forward for a brief lesson with Pastor Brian. Pastor Brian will have a treat for the children to return to their seat with. The Children's Moment will be presented on our YouTube broadcast.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 4: 20-30 NRSV

Jessica Smith

### SERMON

**"The Religious Folk"**

Pastor Brian

Sermon Series: "Whodunnit?"

### REFLECTIVE MEDITATION

## **Responding to the Word**

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Mission and Ministry Moment

Offertory

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" #301  
Words by Fanny J. Crosby and Music by William H. Doane

## **Sending Forth**

### BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Pastor Brian

### POSTLUDE

**\*Please Stand** (Those who are unable to stand, please feel free to remain seated.)