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March 23, 2025

8AM and 10:30AM Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

** please stand as you are able; **bold print** congregational response*

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TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC – “The Weeping Tree” – *J. Martin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, everyone who thirsts.

Come to the waters. Come to the wells.

Our souls thirst for you, O God.

We lift up our hands and call on your name.

Come, without money. Come without cost.

Incline your ears and listen for good news.

Our flesh faints for you, O God.

Our lips sing praises, beholding your glory.

Come, eat good. Come, feast upon true riches.

Be filled with that which sustains you.

Our souls are satisfied in you, O God.

In the shadow of your wings, we sing with joy.

***PRAYER**

We come before you, gracious God, seeking what money cannot buy.

Only you can provide nourishment for our souls.

There is no other source of meaning in our mixed-up world.

We can find no fountain of strength or sustenance apart from you.

Surely you can be found where two or three are gathered.

As a community of faith, we call you, believing that you are nearer

than our next breath, more available to us than we can think,

more caring than we ever dare to imagine.

Uphold us now that we may worship on wings of joy. Amen.

***HYMN #23 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Glory”**

CALL OF REPENTENCE

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH

We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from seeing our missteps; Yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit in a world full of spoiled and rotten produce, and systems designed to kill. We are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

#188 "Give Me a Clean Heart"

*Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.
God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

ANTHEM

"As the Deer"

by M. Hayes

Senior Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 63:1-8 (*Responsively*) (*Insert*)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

SERMON

Pastor Amy Fawks

Grace UCC, Hanover

HYMN #252 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (*Remain Seated*)

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 **The Apostles Creed** (*Insert*)

*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS

OGHS Video

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #780 Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

For the wondrous ways our offering will bless this community,
we dedicate these gifts.

For the ways it'll help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors,
we dedicate these gifts. Let this offering, and the works of
our hands and feet, be good fruit in the world. Amen.

***HYMN #436 "God of Grace and Glory"**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Some of Today's Worship Elements have been adapted from the following:

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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young		Pastor
Pastor Amy Fawks		Guest Pastor
Dave Churchill 8:00am	Suhua Dong 10:30am	Lay Liturgists
Sara Shank		Organist/Acting Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussion
Don Blevins 8:00am	Fred Hughes 10:30am	Ushers
Janet & Steve Sheely	10:30am	Greeters
Janet Sheely	10:30am	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Luke Milhimes,		Tech Team
Russell Bailey, Carl Barrick, Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Terry Krietz, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Bette Bunce		

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Psalm 63:1-8 (*Responsively*)

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.

**²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

**³Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**

⁴So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

**⁵My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips**

⁶when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

**⁷for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

⁸My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

881 The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

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Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy,
like the wide-ness of the sea;
there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
which is more than lib-er-ty.
There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows
are more felt than in God's heaven;
there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings
have such kind-ly judg-ment given.

2. For the love of God is broad-er
than the mea-sures of our minds;
and the heart of the E-ter-nal
is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
If our love were but more faith-ful,
we would glad-ly trust God's word;
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing
for the good-ness of our God.

Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779–1847)

From *Hymns for the Young*, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807–1886)

1. Ie-su no ke Ka-hu-hi-pa, Ka-hu-hi-pa ma'i-ka'i e,
Ei-a ma-kou ka 'o-ha-na ke ho'o-lo-he a ha-hai:
E a-lo-ha, e a-lo-ha, a-la-ka'i a ha-nai mai,
E a-lo-ha, e a-lo-ha, a-la-ka'i a ha-nai mai.

1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;
in your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are.

2. We are yours, in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray;
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray.

3. Let us al-ways seek your fa-vor; let us al-ways do your will;
Je-sus Christ our on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still;
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

John 10:1–29

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1. God of grace and God of glo-ry,
on your peo-ple pour your power;
crown your an-cient church's sto-ry;
bring its bud to glo-rious flower.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the fac-ing of this hour,
for the fac-ing of this hour.

2. From the e-vils that sur-round us
and as-sail the Sav-ior's ways,
from the fears that long have bound us—
free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the liv-ing of these days,
for the liv-ing of these days.

3. Cure your chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness;
bend our pride to your con-trol.
Shame our reck-less, self-ish glad-ness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
make our bro-ken spir-its whole,
make our bro-ken spir-its whole.

4. Set our feet on loft-y plac-es;
gird our lives that they may be

STRUGGLE AND CONFLICT

ar-mored with all Christ-like grac-es,
in the fight to set us free.

Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
in the quest for lib-er-ty,
in the quest for lib-er-ty.

5. Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion
to the e-vils we de-plore;
let the search for your sal-va-tion
be our glo-ry ev-er-more.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
serv-ing you whom we a-dore,
serv-ing you whom we a-dore.