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March 8, 2026
8AM and 10:30AM Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

Lent is a time of intensive preparation for us all. We study the world in its reality, its temptations, its shadows, its betrayals. We fast and we pray and engage in spiritual preparation to follow Jesus faithfully to the end. We open ourselves to Jesus' love; we try to live up to it. All of Lent leads up to holy Week, the week in which Jesus enters Jerusalem and faces death. It begins with Palm Sunday, heads to the meal in the Upper Room and ends with those closest to Christ witnessing his death on the cross. Purple is the color of Lent, but Holy Week is framed in the red and black of the Passion of Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Lent may provide a time for community and individual preparation for the following of Jesus on the most difficult of paths, the path of self-sacrificing love.

Please stand as you are able; **BOLD print - congregational response*

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of sea and sky, you keep the earth flourishing.

We come before you weary from traveling through barren lands.

Holy One, you give water that sustains body and spirit.

You refresh us whenever we are in need.

Miracle Worker, you caused a rock to crack and bring forth water.

Open our hearts and let your love flow from them like a spring.

***HYMN #522 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

***PRAYER**

Holy One, we are thankful for who you are and all that you are.

**Your presence is desired here. We take joy in knowing
that you are as close to us as our next breath. We thirst for you.**

May we be filled to overflowing with your love. Amen

***RESPONSE TO PRAYER #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 will follow you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Enduring Presence, we confess that sometimes

**we question if you are among us or not. Sometimes we quarrel with you when we
are tested. These are the moments when our outlook needs transformation.**

You are gracious in looking beyond our faults to see our needs and meet them.

Thank you for your immeasurable grace. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

KYRIE #750

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

New mercies are granted daily and every day
we have an opportunity to change forever and for good.
Grace and Peace abound. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:00am)

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”
Speros Marinos

ANTHEM (10:30am)

“Look to the Cross”
Senior Choir

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURES

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was

sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because

of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

SERMON

"Sharing the Spirit!"

HYMN #224 **"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed #881

**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**

*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS

God gives of Godself freely, so let us give freely to God.
Let us bring gifts that sustain all life.
May our resources be more than enough. Amen.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #403 (v1)

***My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Fount of Blessing, receive our gifts in the joy that we give them.
Be it time, tithe, or talent, it all comes from you.
Thank you for blessing us to be a blessing to you and each other. Amen.**

***HYMN #18 “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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Portions of Today’s liturgy have been adapted from: **Give Us Water:** Service Prayers for the
Third Sunday of Lent were written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry,
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**For an updated prayer list, please check the front table of the Gathering Area.
Please call the office to be removed.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Dan Irwin’s mother Barbara. “She had so much more to say
and sing”. Given by Dan and Amy Irwin.**

**A total of 2,058 diapers and 1088 wipes were recently delivered to Tender Care. There is a need
for sizes 5 – 6 diapers. Thank you for your support and please continue to donate diapers for this
much needed community mission.**

**March 15th ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) – Rebuilding lives with love. When you
give to OGHS, you are sharing your love offering to the world-through disaster relief, economic
development, or essentials like food, water, and shelter. Your love is shared in practical, life
sustaining, and transformative ways. Flyers and giving envelopes in the pews and Gathering
Area.**

MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING – Thursday, March 19th 6pm.

**YOUTH BIBLE AND BREW – Sunday March 22nd 6:00pm-8:00pm at Waldo’s & Company.
Coffee, tea, hot chocolate. We will enjoy each other’s company, have some caffeine, and
stimulating conversation. Bring at least 1 friend. Sign-up in Gathering Area.**

**PALM SUNDAY DINNER – March 29, 2026 following the 10:30am service.
Sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Area. Menu: Baked Haddock, Macaroni & Cheese and
Dutch Lettuce Salad. Please bring a dessert to share.**

FROM THE HISTORY TASK FORCE: New Pictures have been placed in the History Cabinet depicting more recent confirmation classes of Pastor Fox. Can you find anyone you know?

5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: The Poles are Closing: Sunday, March 8th, will be the last day you can make your mark for a 5th Sunday Special Collection choice. The votes will be counted the next week and results will be posted in the bulletin on Sunday the 15th of March.

ADAMS COUNTY RESCUE MISSION (ARM) has offered to provide a one-hour introductory informational meeting for anyone who is interested in learning what to expect and what would be required to become a “Mentor” for less fortunate member of our community. The would be an “investigative” meeting Wednesday, Mach 4th at 1:00pm at ARM, 2515 York Road, Gettysburg. If interested, please email Nancy Kramer kramer9185@gmail.com.

ATTENDANCE 3/1: 10:30am 60 On-line 181 Dinner Church 14 TOTAL 255

FINANCE REPORT 3/1

Envelope Offering Need: \$33,408.00

Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$28,454.50

Property Fund Need: \$3,465.00

Property Offering Rec'd: \$1,552.50

THIS WEEK

Today, 3/8: SPRING clocks forward one hour!

Confirmation Class following worship – *Sanctuary*

12:30pm-4:30pm MDANA – *Fellowship Hall*

Monday, 3/9: 2:00pm Care Team – *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, 3/11: 6:00pm Christian Education – *Fellowship Hall*

7:00pm Choir - *Sanctuary*

Thursday, 3/12: CONSISTORY COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE

Friday, 3/13: 9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship Hall*

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Pastor

Cindy Blevins 8:00am 10:30am

Liturgists

Sara Shank

Organist/Choir Director

Mark Luckenbaugh

Percussionist

Mary Jane & Harry Hilbert 10:30am

Greeters

8:00am Steve Sheely 10:30am

Usher

Janet Sheely

Acolyte

Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Russell Bailey,

Tech Team

Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Ruth Krietz, Terry Krietz, Garrison Redding,

Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.

Katherine Hankey, 1866; alt.

1. I love to tell the sto-ry of un-seen things a-bove.
Of Je-sus' ra-diant glo-ry, of Je-sus' end-less love.
I love to tell the sto-ry, be-cause I know it's true;
it sat-is-fies my long-ings as noth-ing else can do.
I love to tell the sto-ry; and when I am in glo-ry
I'll tell the old, old sto-ry of Je-sus' end-less love.
2. I love to tell the sto-ry; more won-der-ful it seems
than all the gold-en vi-sions of all our gold-en dreams.
I love to tell the sto-ry, I tell it now to you
be-cause I want to share it, be-cause I know it's true.
I love to tell the sto-ry; and when I am in glo-ry
I'll tell the old, old sto-ry of Je-sus' end-less love.
3. I love to tell the sto-ry; it's pleas-ant to re-peat
what seems, each time I tell it, more won-der-ful-ly sweet.
I love to tell the sto-ry, for some have nev-er heard
the mes-sage of sal-va-tion from God's own ho-ly Word.
I love to tell the sto-ry; and when I am in glo-ry
I'll tell the old, old sto-ry of Je-sus' end-less love.
4. I love to tell the sto-ry, for those who know it best
seem hun-ger-ing and thirst-ing to hear it, like the rest.
And when I sing in glo-ry, I know the new, new song
will be the old, old sto-ry that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the sto-ry; and when I am in glo-ry
I'll tell the old, old sto-ry of Je-sus' end-less love.

Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

1. When I sur-vey the won-drous cross,
on which the Christ of glo-ry died,
My rich-est gain I count but loss,
and pour con-tempt on all my pride.

2. For-bid it, then, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most
I sac-ri-fice them to Christ's blood.

3. From sa-cred head, from hands, and feet,
sor-row and love flow min-gled down!
Did e'er such love and sor-row meet,
or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of na-ture mine,
that were a pres-ent far too small;
Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine,
de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

Gal. 6:14; Phil. 3:7–8

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2–3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

1. Guide me, O my great Re-deem-er,
pil-grim through this bar-ren land;
I am weak, but you are might-y;
hold me with your power-ful hand.
Bread of heav-en, bread of heav-en,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2. O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain,
where the heal-ing wa-ters flow.
Let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar
lead me all my jour-ney through.
Strong de-liv-erer, strong de-liv-erer,
ev-er be my strength and shield,
ev-er be my strength and shield.

3. When I reach the Riv-er Jor-dan,
bid my anx-ious fears sub-side.
Death of death, and hell's de-struc-tion,
land me safe on heav-en's side.
Songs of prais-es, songs of prais-es
I will ev-er sing to you,
I will ev-er sing to you.

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39–44; Rev. 22:1–2