

March 12th, 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: I Sing A Song of the Saints of God (Kathy Pagano, Violin)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Just As I Am, Without One Plea #357

SILENT PRAYER

CHOIR INTROIT: God of Great and God of Small

***HYMN: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** #381

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus calls us, bringing us peace and forgiveness.

P: Yet we dwell in the midst of doubt and fear.

L: Jesus lifts us bringing hope and healing.

P: But we persist in our ways of stubbornness.

L: Jesus, come among us once more and bring us your word of Peace.

P: Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to receive your healing Word.

AMEN.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning and open us to the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Choir Anthem: Welcome Song

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 95

Luke 15:11-32

***HYMN: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me** #2151 (vs 1, 3, 4)

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

THE 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 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: Just A Closer Walk with Thee** #2158

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Great is the Lord

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
