

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

10:30am



GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Kelly Couch

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Canavello

Come, all who are thirsty.

Come, all who are seeking.

Come, all who are waiting.

Come, all who labor.

Come, all who need rest.

Come, all who dream dreams.

Come— whether you're young or old, confident or curious, lonely or hopeful.

This is God's house. All are welcome here. Let us worship holy God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE¹

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

No. 403

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Sung Response

Restore in US, O God

No. 434

(Stanzas 1 & 2)

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we treat our self-worth like something that can be bought at a store; but you know this even better than we do. Instead of trusting that we are made good, instead of trusting that we are loved exactly as we are, we stockpile our value in earthly things— in trophies and awards, in likes and follows, in wealth and power. Forgive us for creating our own measuring stick. Heal our open wounds and tell our hearts that we won't be forgotten if we slow down. We won't be forgotten if we rest. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Sung Prayer

Restore in Us, O God

No. 434

(stanza 3)

Assurance of Pardon

Spoken Response

**We are loved. We are claimed. We are under God's wing. We are worthy of grace.
We belong to God. Amen.**

**Sung Response*

Restore in Us, O God

No. 434

(stanza 4)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Following the Sharing of the Peace of Christ, children are invited
to come forward and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.*

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

At this time, children may be dismissed for Sunday school or can choose to remain in worship for the rest of the service. There are two children's Sunday School classes, for Pre-K–3rd grade and for 4th grade and up.

¹ *You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9 NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 55:1-9 NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Full to the Brim: You Are Worthy Elder Kelly Couch

RESPOND

*HYMN OF PREPARATION God of Grace and God of Glory No. 307

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *written by Rev. Sarah Speed*

We believe that the God of the cosmos is at work here. We believe that God is fertilizing the soil. We believe that God is planting roots. We believe that God is growing fruit that is yet to be tasted. But until that promised day when the fig tree stands tall and swords are beaten into plowshares, we believe: when our work does not bear fruit, God still loves us. When our soil grows dry and cracked, God still longs for us. When all seems hopeless here on earth, God holds hope for us. The God of the cosmos is at work here. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregational Response: **Pour down Your waters, and heal Your people.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT Luke Kelett and Barbara

Morlier

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

During the time of offering, you are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



*DOXOLOGY Praise God Whose Love Will Ne'er Depart No. 606

**Praise God, whose love will ne'er depart;
Praise Christ, who opens all our hearts;
Praise Spirit's pow'r to help us grow:**

One God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 debts² as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GO

*SENDING HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World

No. 79

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Worship may be over, but our service has just begun.

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.

Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God's word to life

in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,

while spreading the love of Jesus Christ

through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.

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² When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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Offertory invitation and prayer of thanksgiving written by Rev. Karla Miller, and posted on A Place for Prayer.

<http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>

Prayers of the people written by Christine Longhurst, in *Worship Resources for Lent & World Water Day, 2013*. Posted on the

Canadian Foodgrains Bank website. http://foodgrainsbank.ca/lent_worship_resources.aspx

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