

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

Though I May Speak ... James Kosinski

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

**People: We will not play hide and seek,
but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**

Leader: Lay down all which is a burden to you!

**People: We will give our fears to God,
who is our help in every moment.**

Leader: Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

**People: We long to live in God's presence
every day of our lives.**

* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Come Down, O Love Divine
No. 313

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We admit, God our Light, that we do indeed try to tear Christ apart - a piece of him here to support our politics, a part of him to undergird our economic views, the rest of him to bolster our fears of others. We could leave immediately to follow him, but need to wait until we see where he might lead us. We want you to look upon us with favor always, but have no trouble turning our backs on those around us. Hear us, God our Deliverer, as we speak of our failures! Have mercy on us, we appeal to you, have mercy! May your love become the core of our hearts, may your compassion become the words we speak, may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others, even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading · Ben Ball

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (pg. 864)

 **Anthem · Chancel Choir**

Just a Closer Walk / Close to Thee ... Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Tom Fette & Thomas Grassi

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-23 (pg. 1500)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Marie Rico "Rethinking Repentance"

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * **♪ Hymn of Response · Though I May Speak**
No. 335

Invitation to Anointing

The New Testament scriptures associate anointing oil with healing and prayer. When Jesus sent out the disciples to preach the gospel, "they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil." (Mark 6:13) You are invited as you wish to come to one of the people standing with oil to receive a prayer and be anointed with plain olive oil on your forehead or wrist as you prefer.

Acknowledgement and Blessings of Offerings

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- * **♪ Closing Hymn · Arise, Your Light Is Come!**
No. 411

- * **Benediction**

- * **♪ Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace**
(inside cover of hymnal)

♪ Organ Postlude · Bobbi Hunter
Praise the Almighty ... Michael Burkhardt

The congregation is free to move during the postlude.