ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 11 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Lent
We Gather in God’s Name

PRELUDE
O World I Must Leave You
by Johannes Brahms
Brad Slocum, Organist

CHORAL THRESHOLD
Rest in me, O weary traveler;
rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;
rest and cast away your care.
Lent is all about stepping up our spiritual practices in preparation for
Easter... You will find your fears eased and your burdens made lighter.

“Take my yoke and leave your troubles;
take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you;
take and learn humility.”

(Silent centering)
Let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE# 435
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

CALL TO CONFESSION
Wes
This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to God.
Let us confess before God and one another those things that harm us and others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, you give us chance after chance to do right and bear good fruit.
But we continue to stray from your path of righteousness, losing ourselves in
the wilderness of sin.
Return us to you this Lent. Receive us. Redeem us. Transform us into the
disciples you deserve. Amen

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Our God is a loving God, full of mercy.
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and share the love you have graciously received. Amen.

▲PASSING CHRIST’S PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us exchange words and signs of peace.

We Listen for God’s Word

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Wes
(Please sign the red fellowship pad and pass it along the pew and back)

CHILDREN’S TIME TO SHINE
Wes

BLESSING FOR OUR CHILDREN
Tune: Beach Spring
May God bless you as you go to learn the stories of our faith;
Jesus loves you and will help you grow to trust in God always.
Grow in wisdom and in knowledge; grow to live by Love’s way;
grow to laugh and sing and worship as you walk throughout your days.

LENTEN REFLECTION
Walking in Prayer
Dia Utterback

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Judy Neel
Holy One, humble us and open us to your life-giving word. As we hear your word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts and minds be open to the Spirit’s moving and to receive your teaching. Amen.

FIRST READING
Judy
New Testament page 76 in pew Bible

Words of Holy Scripture. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
Walk Together Children
African American Spiritual
Arr. Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi
I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day; still praying as I'm onward bound, "O plant my feet on higher ground." O lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's tableland, a higher plane than I have found. My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay; though some may dwell where these abound, my aim is higher ground. O lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's tableland, a higher plane than I have found, O plant my feet on higher ground. I want to live above the world, though stinging darts at me are hurled; for faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground. I want to scale the utmost height and catch a gleam of glory bright; but still I'll pray 'til heaven I've found "O, lead me on to higher ground." O lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's tableland, a higher plane than I have found, O plant my feet on higher ground.

SECOND READING            Isaiah 55:1-9            Rev. Rola Al Ashkar
Old Testament page 685 in pew Bible

SERMON
Why Do You Spend Your Money for That Which is Not Bread? Rola

We Respond to God’s Love

PRAYERS FOR WESTMINSTER & THE WORLD Judy

THE LORD’S PRAYER (contemporary ecumenical version)
Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts to God

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Rola
God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

OFFERTORY Have Mercy On Me, O God by J.S. Bach

RESPONSE All That We Have

All that we have we consecrate; a better world now let us make. With gratitude this song we sing; with caring hearts these gifts we bring.
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Are Sent Into God’s World

▲ HYMN #78
You Thirsty Ones, Come
Vss. 1, 2, 3

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHARGE
As you have found new life in Christ,
Go forth as new creatures,
able to serve and quick to love.
Go and share this new life in Christ.

POSTLUDE
Adagio in A Minor
by J.S. Bach