

like this time, now—
**for worship, for listening,
for paying attention;**
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.

*Gathering Prayer

*Worship with Song
In Christ Alone TFWS, 3105

*Passing of the Peace

*Worship with Song
Give Me Jesus W&S, 3140

To Breathe God In

Reading of Scripture
Mark 14.3-9, NRSVue

Hymn of Preparation
Are Ye Able UMH, 530

Reading of Scripture Job 1.20-21, NRSVue

Words from the past made new to us today!
Thanks be to God!

Message
The Journey to the Cross with Mary of Bethany
Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Worship with Music and Reflection

**And to Become
the Breath of God in Community**

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory

Doxology
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Worship with Communion
God is with you!
And also with you!
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give God our thanks and praise.
It is truly right that we thank you, and we praise you,
Most Holy God, Creator of All! For...
We are not alone, we live in your world!

We live in your world, we live in your creation – in all of
its wonder, in all of its life.
We believe in You, who has created and is creating!
. . . all places, all things. Alleluia!

**We believe in You, who has come in Jesus, the Word
made flesh, to reconcile and make new.**
. . . into right relationship with you now and forever.

**We believe in You, who works in us, and others,
by the Spirit.**
. . . With hope, with wonder, with challenge, with love!

We trust in You, our God! Alleluia!
. . . throughout all time, all space.

You call us to be the Church.
And so, as disciples of Christ,
we live with respect in Creation.
**Help us to live with even more respect,
Creator of All.**
We love and serve others.
**Help us to love and serve with all we are,
Christ Jesus.**
We seek justice and resist evil.
**Help us to do more than stand and wait. Help us to
act rightly in the face of wrong, Holy Spirit.**

We proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

. . . even knowing he would be betrayed, even knowing
he would be abandoned.
**And his judgment, was to love them – every single
one, no matter what. That is our hope!**

. . . Each time you eat bread, remember me.”
In life, in death, in life-beyond-death
. . . Each time you drink wine, remember me.”
God is with us. We are not alone!

. . . alive in your creation!
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God!
THANKS BE TO GOD!

The gifts of God, for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!
Come, for the table is prepared, and our cup overflows.
Alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

**For the bread we have eaten,
for the wine we have tasted,
to the life we have received,
thank you God!**
**Help us to be your church,
in the days, weeks and years to come,
filled and refreshed**

by your constant love.
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*Hymn of Blessing
Be Still My Soul UMH, 534, vs 1, 3

Benediction

Thank You for Serving

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March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent
We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

For Worship

*Extinguishing of the Light
Throughout These Forty Days UMH 269, vs 1-3

*Call to Worship
In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside—

** Please Stand*