

March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent 10:30 AM

*\*Those who are able, please stand*  
**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Third Sunday of Lent. Jesus talks to us today in our Scriptures about the importance of repentance. Please join us after service for fellowship time.

March 23, 2025 - Administrative Board Meeting in Fellowship Hall @ Noon  
March 24, 2025 - Free Lunch with North Bush & Northville UMC  
April 2, 2025 - The Captain - If you are interested please see me after.  
April 11, 2025 - Annual Fish Fry Take Out Only from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
April 12, 2025 - Council of Churches Easter Egg Hunt starting @ Noon @ Foothills

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:**        I Cannot Tell        Pianist Mavis Baldwin

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**    (In Unison)

Today we know that God gives us a second chance. Our hope and assurance rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness. Open your hearts and minds and souls and know that God's never-ending love and forgiveness flows into and over you. Know that in this love and forgiveness you have encountered the living God. Place your whole trust in God. Come, seek the loving presence and know that you have encountered the living God this Lenten Season. AMEN.

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Be with us Lord as we enter the third step of this Lenten journey. Bring to us peace and forgiveness.

**People:** It is on this journey that the Lord will be asking us to recognize our own need for repentance and the healing that God offers each of us.

Leader: When we stay on this journey we will need to wrap ourselves in the healing love of God!

**People:** We seek God's presence in our lives. We seek God to continuously heal us.

Leader: Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.

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

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

**People:** Let our hearts rejoice in God's kindness and love. AMEN.

**GATHERING SONG**    Come and Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**    (In Unison)

Gracious and eternal God, We confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our hearts are not in the trusting place that they should be. Heal us, merciful God in unexpected ways and help us to see the miraculous possibilities in everyday life by trusting in your word. Today you call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life. Help us turn from our old ways. Lead us into newness of life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you today that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN**

**SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS** (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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**        "Fill my Cup Lord"        UMH 641

**GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**        "ABBA FATHER"        Chancel Choir

**DOXOLOGY**        "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"        UMH 95

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you today. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love for others in this church family, and in the community beyond us, as well as the World. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*\*\* If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902\*\*\***

