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## Third Sunday in Lent – March 7, 2021

### THE GATHERING

Prelude

*This Is My Father's World*

Debbie Watson

I have an early memory of attending Floral Heights Methodist Church Sunday School where I was occasionally asked to accompany the singing. I think that was the beginning of my love of hymns. Hymns are poetry, statements of belief, and assurances for life. Passages such as “though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet” are comforting and instructive, as in “God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair.”

Linda S. Carr

This is one of my favorite hymns because it was my Daddy's favorite. He was a big nature lover and instilled a love of nature in all his children. I can still feel and see the memory of Daddy teaching me this song in church over 60 years ago!

Karen Watson

Welcome

Claire Baer

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* – vs. 1

No. 622

***Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.***

Opening Prayer

Rev. Josh deSteiguer

### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 18:1-5

Jeanette Showalter

Children's Message

Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Special Music

*Simple Gifts* – arr. McChesney

Chancel Ringers

Sermon

*Simple Relationships?*

Rev. Josh deSteiguer

## THE RESPONSE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Cheryl Smiley

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Andy Wilson & Cathy Biggs

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

*All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

**I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.**

## THE SENDING

Sent from the Table

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

*Take My Life* – vs. 1 & 6

No. 609

***Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.***

***Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.***

***Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.***

Benediction

Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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## MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of David Strickland given by Fred & Claudine Farrell, Mark & Debbie Turnbow, Charles & Laura Orr, John & Cindy Rutledge, Ron & Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, PMW Ventures Inc., Chris & Jeanette Showalter, Ann Hunter, and the Journey Through Scripture Class: Harvey & Sherry Martin.

In memory of Mary K. Carroll Biggs given by Charles & Mary Herrmann.

In memory of Mary Kay Dolberry given by Doug & Vicki Kunkle.

The flowers this morning are given by Jason & Shelly Barker, Richard & Ashley Barker and Families in memory of Benjimen A. Barker.

**Sermon Notes**

1. Most relationships start simply

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2. Here come the complications

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3. With complexity, comes problems

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4. Regaining simplicity by regaining core values

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5. Going forward in simplicity

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THE PRACTICE OF  
SIMPLICITY

*A Wednesday Evening Lenten Study*

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM | IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM

# CALENDAR

Sunday, March 7 Pantry Sunday		
8:40 am	Drive-In Worship Service	East Parking Lot
9:30 am	Sunday School	In Person & Zoom
9:45 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00-1:30 pm	Pastor's Class	Room 402
5:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, March 8		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
8:55-10:30 am	CCF Music	Room 300
9:00-9:30 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
7:00 pm	Worship ReEntry Task Force & Elders Meeting	Sanctuary/Zoom
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 9		
9:30 am	Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310/Zoom
10:00-11:00 am	YAS Music (Tu/Wed)	Room 300
6:00 pm	Membership & Fellowship Ministry Meeting	Zoom
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Zoom
6:00 pm	Outreach & Community Services Ministry Meeting	Zoom
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
7:00 pm	Worship & Fine Arts Ministry Meeting	Zoom
Wednesday, March 10		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
9:00-9:30 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:15 am	Sheri Sutton's Lenten Bible Study	Zoom
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	Neighborhood Lenten Study	Fellowship Hall / Zoom
6:00-7:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, March 11		
7:30am-12:00pm	CCF Picture Day	Parlor
9:00-9:30 am	CCF Music	Room 300
7:30 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
Friday, March 12		
8:55-10:30 am	CCF Music	Room 300
12:15 pm	CCF Parent Advisory Committee Meeting	Room 310
Saturday, March 13		

## Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for an Easter Egg hunt on Sunday, March 28, immediately following the 10:45 am worship service. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall right after the service for a quick activity and then we will move outside for the egg hunt!

If you would like to help supply candy for the Easter eggs and/or help fill Easter eggs we would love your help! All candy donations can be dropped off in the church office. Eggs will be available on Sunday, March 7, to take home and fill. We ask that all eggs be returned to the church office by Sunday, March 21.