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Third Sunday in Lent – March 12, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Chimes

Call to Worship

*Christ, You Often Sat at Dinner**

***Lord, we grieve a church divided where your people can't embrace -
Where believers are excluded from the table of your grace.
How can there be joy and singing at the table you hold dear
When the words are clear and stinging, "No, you are not welcome here!"?***

Welcome

Claire Baer

Opening Hymn

O God of Vision – vs. 1, 2 & 5

No. 288

***O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,
gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.
Show us a new life in your breathtaking view,
lovely beyond all our dreaming.***

***Pour out your Spirit on all now assembled before you.
May our diversity here be a means to adore you.
Women and men, young, old, and youthful again,
make us as one, we implore you.***

***Grateful, we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken.
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken.
Christ for us all! Come, let us answer the call,
offering our lives as the token.***

Opening Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50

Claire Baer

Infant Dedication

Dr. Mark Bender

Heidi Charlotte Craig, daughter of Abigail & Chance Craig

Response

Blessing of Children

No. 364

**O God, as a mother comforts her children,
you strengthen, sustain, and provide for us.
We come before you with gratitude
for the gift of this child,
for the joy that has come into this family,
and for the grace with which you surround them
and all of us.
As a father cares for his children,
so you continually look upon us
with compassion and goodness.
Pour out your Spirit.
Enable your servants to abound in love,
and establish our homes in holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Brooke Reid

**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.**

Anthem

Be Still – McDonald

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Loving Little, Loving Much

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Come, Share the Lord – vs. 1 & 2a

No. 408

***We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, some, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Linda Cook

Prayers for the Bread & Cup
Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Craig Reynolds & Emily Wilson

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 OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory

A Hymn to God the Father – Helvey

Chancel Choir

*Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.*

*Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.*

*I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more.*

Doxology

No. 46

***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.***

Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn

God Made from One Blood – vs. 1, 2 & 5

No. 500

***God made from one blood all the families of earth,
the circles of nurture that raised us from birth,
companions who join us to walk through each stage
of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.***

***We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
for all of the families we've known through the years,
the intimate networks on whom we depend
of parent and partner and roommate and friend.***

***Then widen that wisdom and grace to include
the races and viewpoints our families exclude
till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud
of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Al Croix (brother of Diana Costello) given by Lee & Bart Bybee.

In memory of Jeff Ratliff (husband of Genie Ratliff) given by Rick & Cheryl Appling.

In memory of Peggy Fitts given by Rick & Cheryl Appling, Deborah Clark & Emry Birdwell.

In memory of Sheryl Spaulding (mother of Shaun Spaulding) given by Rick & Cheryl Appling.

In memory of Patt Giddings given by Rick & Cheryl Appling.

In memory of Debbi Schmidt by Rick & Cheryl Appling.

In memory of Christopher Rodgers (son-in-law of Sherry Tucker & Eddie Tucker) given by Rick & Cheryl Appling,
Lee & Bart Bybee.

In memory of Carol Allred (mother of Ann Kable) given by Rick & Cheryl Appling.

In memory of Lita Watson given by Rick & Cheryl Appling.

In memory of Jerry Tucker (brother of Eddie Tucker) given by Rick & Cheryl Appling.

Sermon Notes

1. The hymns of Lent

2. Dinner interrupted

3. Entertaining vs. Hospitality

4. Talking about grace

5. At the heart

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12 Third Sunday in Lent		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	Pastor's Class	Room 402
NO	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
NO	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403 & Gym
5:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402 & 405
Monday, March 13		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" Closed This Week	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	College Group leaves for Six Flags	Arlington TX
10:30 am	Christian Women's Fellowship "CWF" Board Meeting	Room 310
11:45 am	CWF Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 14		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
5:30 pm	Outreach Ministry Meeting	Room 305
6:00 pm	Faith Formation Ministry Meeting	Parlor
6:00 pm	Membership Ministry Meeting	Room 222
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
7:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	Room 200
NO	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, March 15		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:30 am	Sheri Sutton's Lenten Bible Study	Room 310
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	At the Table: Soup Supper & Communion	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Lenten Electives:	
	<i>Walk with Jesus Bible Study with Sheri Sutton</i>	Room 310
	<i>How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth with Mark Bender</i>	Fellowship Hall
	<i>Understanding Prayer with Brooke Reid</i>	Room 305
	<i>Letters from Jerusalem (for our young friends) with Claire Baer</i>	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
NO	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, March 16		
9:00 am-12:00 pm	40 Days of Outreach: Assist at the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank	1230 Midwestern Pkwy
Friday, March 17		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, March 18		

Young Ages Preschool Open House, BBQ Dinner & Bake Sale
Thursday, March 23, 5:30-7:30 pm, RSVP to 940-692-3640

EASTER FLOWERS

\$13.00 each

We will be using a variety of Spring flowers to decorate on Easter Sunday. If you would like to furnish an arrangement in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it with your check in the offering plate or to the church office.

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(Circle one)

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