THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 12, 2023
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Timothy Boggess

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - STEPHEN MINISTRY — Jeff Bartell

PRELUDE — *Amazing Grace* — arr. Diane Bish

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Beth Knopik

O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
The hour is coming and is now here.
In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*** HYMN 307** — *God of Grace and God of Glory* — CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord,
and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF JOY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* PRAISE GOD

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANTHEM *Psalm 139* Michael Burkhardt
(The Chancel Choir)

O Lord, my God, you have searched me
and know my heart and everything about me.
You know when I sit or stand.
You know where I am and what I'll say before I say it.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.

This is too glorious, too wonderful to believe.
I can never be lost from your Spirit or escape my God.
If I go up to the heavens,
if I go down to the place of the dead,
you are there!

If I take the wings of the morning,
and dwell in the uttermost depths of the see,
e'en there your hand will hold me,
your strength will guide and support me.

If I try to hide in the darkness
the night becomes light all around me;
for even darkness cannot hide from God.

To you the night shines bright as day.
When I waken in the morning
I know you still are with me.
How precious, precious you are Lord!
You continue to place you hand of blessing on my head.

With all my heart I praise and thank you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON *The Flow of Grace* Timothy Boggess

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)
Beth Knopik

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* **HYMN 81** *Glorious things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord in near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.

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See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE** *Pasticcio* Jean Langlais

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