



Kent United Church of Christ

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, and W.I.S.E. CONGREGATION

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

PRELUDE

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Jason W. Krug

GREETING

Jackie Peck, chair of deacons

*OPENING HYMN #42

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kindred of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth and God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of, and the humble of heart to assemble to receive anointing.

Jackie Peck, liturgist

In peace, we anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest, and unlikeliest of siblings whom God has raised up to serve.

Though the call may involve risk and danger, we are called to listen, obey, and live a love unwavering.

In peace, we anoint the disinherited and dismissed.

God's call does not depend on our outward appearance or our earthly achievements.

In peace, we anoint neighbor and kin alike, knowing God looks upon the heart.

Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.

*INVOCATION

Jackie Peck

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ Jesus our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is sung to bless the children.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOHN

John 9:1-17 (The Message, Peterson)

Here ends the reading from God's word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

Jackie Peck

MESSAGE

Restored

Don Bubenzer

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Chancel Choir

Bradley Ellingboe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jackie Peck

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator

who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom,

and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #175 *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

KENTRIDGE

W.I.S.E. MINISTRY MOMENT

Al Barber, vice moderator, W.I.S.E. ministry

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Jackie Peck

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jackie Peck

*CLOSING HYMN #451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*BENEDICTION

Don Bubenzer

Because of the penitential nature of the season of Lent, there will be no postlude.



***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.***

The chancel flowers are an offering today from Donna Hess, in celebration of our granddaughter, Liliana's 3rd birthday, and our grandson, Luca's 5th birthday.