



MARCH 19, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP“A Celtic Call”

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG“Gather Us In” #532

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE READINGS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONUnfailing Light

THE GOSPEL

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON & REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY“God, We Gather as Your People”

PROFESSION OF FAITHCeltic Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC“On the Journey to Emmaus”

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION“O Living Bread From Heaven” #542
“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG“Go, My Children, With My Blessing” #543

MISSION AND PEACE“Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE


PRAYER OF THE DAY

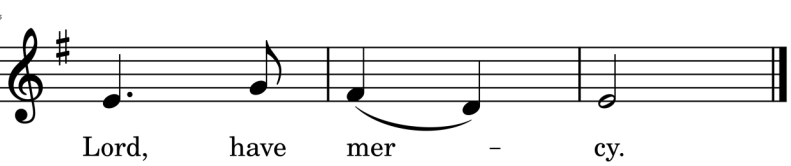
God of life, we seek you at the center of our gathering here. Speak to us in your Word. Refresh us in remembrance of your grace in baptism. Restore us and renew us in the blessing of your table. Draw close to us in worship that we may find ourselves in you. Amen.

ISAIAH 56:1-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ² Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil. ³ Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely separate me from his people"; and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree." ⁴ For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ⁵ I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

PSALM 27:1-5





¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. *Antiphon*

PSALM 27:1-5

⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. *Antiphon*

REVELATION 19:6-10

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder peals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; ⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹ And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." ¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

JOHN 14:18-24

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me."

Welcome to Worship at Abiding Love! May you know God’s love as you sing, pray, proclaim, and serve. **All are welcome to communion at Abiding Love.** Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing may come forward and cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.



WORSHIP IN LENT

Wednesday Worship, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22: Living Spirit
Fellowship Meal, 5:30 pm, Activity Center

Lenten Fellowship Meal
Pasta, Veggie Tray, Garlic Bread

Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 am
March 26: Relationship and the Self

Offerings for Lent Wednesdays will be divided between Evangelical Mission Endowment Fund, which provides for emerging ministries at the border and Lutheran World Relief/Lutheran Disaster Response for their work in Turkey and Syria following earthquakes.

SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Rev. Brad Highum
Altar Guild: (8:30) Amelia Mettke, Lisa Tyrrell (11:00) Denise Alaimo
Acolyte: (8:30) Isaac Schroeder (11:00) Mabry Roberts
Assisting Minister: Reggie Kikta
Communion Assistant: (8:30) Mike Riggs (11:00) Karron Lewis
Lector: (8:30) Audrey Lehman (11:00) Rosa Hatfield
Ushers: (8:30) Karin & Lloyd Matthys (11:00) Kurt Armstrong, TJ Shoaf
Tech: Greta Rymal, Zee Zepeda
Music: Gus Sterneman, Stephanie Morrison

UPCOMING EVENTS

Godly Play Workshop: March 25

9:00 am, Upstairs Commons and Activity Center. Contact Tyler Parks, tparks@abidinglove.org.

CROP Hunger Walk: March 26

2:30 pm, Camp Mabry. Join the Bread For All team, austincrophungerwalk.org.

Austin Civic Orchestra: April 1

Parts of the Whole, Part 2. 7:30 pm, Abiding Love Sanctuary. ***Tickets available at the door or at austincivicorchestra.org.***

Good Friday Cantata: April 7

7:00 pm at Abiding Love. Scripture, prayer, and the music of John Rutter's Requiem for choir and orchestra.

Garage Sale: April 15

8:00 am to 3:00 pm at Abiding Love. Furniture, clothing, books, electronics, and more. All funds raised will benefit Abiding Love Youth Activities. Contact Tyler Parks, tparks@abidinglove.org.

Abiding Love Women's Retreat: April 22

9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Activity Center. Contact Di Brophy, brophy.di@sbcglobal.net

Chip in for Children Golf Tournament: May 1

1:00 pm at Onion Creek Club. Register at abidinglove.org.

ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship w/Communion
9:45 am Faith Formation
1:00 pm Knights/St. Catherine Food Drive (AC)
5:45 pm Math Club (AC)
6:00 pm Youth Paint Party (HS)

MONDAY, MARCH 20

11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry
5:00 pm Bread For All
6:45 pm Junia Café Group
7:00 pm Sarah Circle
7:00 pm AA (HS Room)
7:00 pm Troop 555 (AC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

10:00 am Lifetime Learning Dance (AC)
10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)
6:30 pm Council (Z)
7:00 pm Alanon (C)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 am Hannah Bible Study (C)
10:00 am Lifetime Learning Yoga (AC)
10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)
1:00 pm Sew Bee Quilting (UC)
5:30 pm Lenten Meal (AC)
6:00 pm Music Rehearsals
7:00 pm Lenten Worship
8:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

10:00 am CC Chapel (S)
10:00 am Quilting (UC)
5:30 pm Brodie Springs HOA (AC)
6:00 pm Alanon (L)
7:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (Z)

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

6:00 pm GS Troop 44630 (AC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 am Godly Play Workshop (AC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship w/Communion (11:00 Mixed Blessings)
9:45 am Faith Formation
1:00 pm Knights/St. Catherine Food Drive (AC)
2:30 pm CROP Walk
5:45 pm Math Club (AC)

ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 19, 2023



Where two or three gather ...

Jesus promises presence. *"Where two or three gather in my name, I am there among them."* (Matthew 18:20) We gather in worship seeking presence with God in the Word and sacraments and prayers of our liturgy. We celebrate God's grace in our baptism and the fellowship of God's table, in song and prayer, in the harvest of our offering and reflecting on Scripture. Worship is a *"thin place"* where God forms us as people of faith and sends us in mission for the sake of the world. We gather here to know ourselves *"en theos,"* in God.

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