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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

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Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.	



March 23, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday in Lent



Thought for the Day before Worship

*People changed other people's lives every day of the year.
There was no call to make such a fuss about it.*

– Anne Tyler (Saint Maybe, Random House, 1991, p. 373)

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “*Siciliano*” (John Stanley)

Tower Bell

Introit

If you will trust in God to guide you,
and hope in God through all your ways.
God will give strength what-e'er betide you,
and bear you through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that will not move.

***Call to Worship**

This is the season of repentance and remembrance.
It is a time to test and examine our ways and return to the Keeper of our souls.
Let us lift up our hearts, our hands, and our voices to the righteous God in heaven.
For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.
God is good to all, and God's compassion is over everything in creation.
Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #71** “*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*” (Lobe Den Herren)

***Prayer of Confession**

God, you call us to be honest about who we are and all that we do. In these moments, make us honest with ourselves. We remember now those things we have done or left undone that have hurt others, that have caused suffering and pain to our world, that have betrayed our love for ourselves.

(Pause for silent reflection.)

Give us now the courage and the wisdom to do things differently, to change our behavior so that in asking for forgiveness we might lead forgiven lives. In the spirit of Jesus Christ who befriended and loved all sinners, we now pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! God does not deal with us according to our sins or repay us according to our iniquities. Bless the Lord, who forgives all our iniquity and redeems us from the pit. God is merciful and gracious, removing our transgressions from us and pitying all who fear God. The God of steadfast love leads us from our bondage into freedom from our sin. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

(Creatorex)

From the Prophets of the Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Rose Wendling

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, March 23:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday, March 24:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, March 25:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, March 27:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, March 29:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Pause for Lent
- Sunday, March 30 :** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

Offertory	“Set Me as a Seal upon Your Heart” Set me as a seal upon Your heart, O God, for love is as strong as death. The waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon Your heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a strong spirit within me. Cast me not away, from Your presence Restore unto me the joy of salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit, Then I'll teach Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You. (Anna Laura Page)	Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
Doxology	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 Amen (Old 100th)	From the Letters of Paul: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.
*Prayer of Dedication We come to you this day, O God, grateful for the gifts that you have given us. You have blessed us with what we need; you provide for us each day, even those days when we forget to ask for your blessings. Help us appreciate your gifts, O God, and give us the strength and dedication to use those gifts to your glory. May our lives reflect what you have given us, so that we bring honor to your name and bring others to your love. Help us, gracious God, to continue to grow as if our lives were wonderful plants rooted in your Word. Give us power to grow in faith toward you and in love toward all people that all persons might come to know the joy of your blessings. In Jesus’s name. Amen.		Anthem “Jesus Paid It All” I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small! Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.” Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow. For nothing good have I Where by Thy grace to claim. I’ll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. And when before the throne I stand in Him complete, “Jesus died my soul to save,” My lips shall still repeat. (John T. Grape)
*Hymn #261	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Hamburg)	
*Benediction		
*Choral Response		
Postlude	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Diane Bish)	

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

Sermon “Put Your Fate in Jesus’ Hands” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

**You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto you. Amen.**

***Hymn #61** *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* (Wellesley)

Response (sing twice)

