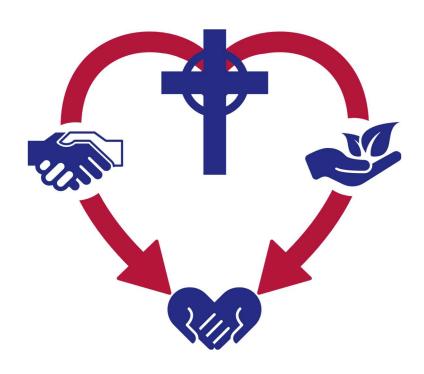
We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Fourth Sunday in Lent Fifth Sunday of March March 30, 2025, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



We Gather to Worship God

*Congregation stands as noted

Opening Worship Set (#301 into #319 1, C, 2, C, B, C into #692 into #319 C, 3, C, C, Tag)

Let us Build a House #301

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing #319

Spirit, Open My Heart #692

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Savior God.

People: God's mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before God.

Leader: God knocks tyrants off their high horses, and pulls victims from the mud.

People: The starving poor sit down to banquet; the callous rich are left out in the cold.

Leader: God has embraced their chosen child; remembered and piled on mercies, piled them high! People: It's exactly what God promised, beginning with Abraham and right up to now. Amen.

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession" Words/Music by Kenneth Jones (front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you.

Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession #695

"Change My Heart, O God"

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of the universe; God has come to set people free. God has set the power of salvation in the center of our lives, just as God promised long ago through the preaching of the holy prophets, friends believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Transition Hymn #626

"As the Deer"

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources (see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Time for Young Disciples

(Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church and Bible Builds)

"Jesus, Be With Us" Special Music Chancel Choir

David Gambrell

Luke 16:19-31 **Scripture Reading**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word Rev. AJ Ochart

"Wealth Gap"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Our Faith (Belhar Confession 10.1-2, 7-9 (Insert)

*Responsive Hymn #79

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Time of Meditation, Reflection Luke 16:19-20

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Respond: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)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(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #749

"Come, Live in the Light!"

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

*Postlude

<u>Sanctuary Flowers</u> – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by contributor in honor/celebration of person or event.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor Kenneth Jones, Director of Music Kellen Jones, Lay Leader

