

March 12, 2023
Lent 3
Being Shaped: 40 days of Getting to Hope

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

David Stewart, worship leader

*HYMN VT 126

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Sarah Neher

ANTHEM

Unexpected and Mysterious

Lindholm/Hampton, arr. Ferguson

SCRIPTURE/TEACHING/REFLECTION Matthew 4:1-4; Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-4
Tanya Ortman, Odyssey Ortman Stoltzfus, Carmen Shelly, Lonnie Buerge
Musical Interlude: Mitch Kaufman

HYMN VT 303

O Love, How Deep, How Broad

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

***HYMN VT 722**

Help Us to Help Each Other

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

***You are invited to stand**

Reflection for Consideration:

- **AWARENESS:** In the past, I have felt or viewed this scripture as _____.

- **ANALYSIS:** Surprisingly, today's reading of this scripture helped me see _____.

- **ALTERNATIVES:** Tomorrow, I will think about this scripture as I am doing _____.

- **ACTION:** I am invited into a hopeful feeling as I remember the part of scripture that said, "_____."

Anthem: *Unexpected and Mysterious/There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.*

Text by Jeannette M. Lindholm and Frederick W. Faber

Music: Tune ST. HELENA, by Calvin Hampton, arr. John Ferguson

Unexpected and mysterious is the gentle word of grace.

Everloving and sustaining is the peace of God's embrace.

If we falter in our courage and we doubt what we have known,

God is faithful to console us as a mother tends her own.

There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;

There is mercy with the Saviour; there is healing in his blood.

There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;

There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word

And our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

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