

March 26, 2023
Lent 5
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

Naomi Wiebe, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Ruth Harder, worship leader

*HYMN VT 47

God of Our Strength

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Sarah Neher

ANTHEM

When the Poor Ones

Cherwien

SCRIPTURE/TEACHING

Matthew 26:1-13, Matthew 4:8-11
Darrell Wiens, Arleen Cook, Lonnie Buerge

Musical Reflection: Jonathan Wiebe, cello; Naomi Wiebe, piano
Search Me, O God (Psalm 139)**

HYMN VT 808

Between Darkness and Light

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 810

Go, My Friends, in Grace

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Still My Soul

*You are invited to stand

Anthem: *When the Poor Ones* Text: José Antonio Olivar, tr. Martin A. Seltz
Tune: David M. Cherwien

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
When the wounded offer others strength and healing:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
When we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
When our longing, free from envy, seek the humble:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
When the nations work to change war into peace;
When the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

**Text of music for reflection: *Search Me, O God* (Psalm 139)

Search me, O God and know my heart
Search me, O God and know my heart
See if there be any wickedness in me.
Is there strife? Is there pride?
A transgression that is hidden from my eyes?

Search me, O God and know my heart
Search me, O God and know my heart
And lead me in the path eternal
And lead me, lead to life everlasting
Everlasting, eternal.

Search me, O God and know my heart
Search me, O God and know my heart
Try me. Know me. Search my heart.

Questions for Reflection:

- 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, "_____."

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