

March 5, 2023
Lent 2
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

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Sarah Neher, worship leader

*HYMN VT 606

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Dave Schrag

HYMN VT 437

The Lord is My Light

SCRIPTURE/TEACHING/REFLECTION

Exodus 17:1-7; Matthew 4:1-2
Lonnie Buerge, Sarah Neher

Musical interlude: Ella Wiebe, violin; Jonathan Wiebe, cello

ANTHEM

All My Trials

Walker

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Piecemakers

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 830

Go, My Children

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

Questions for Reflection:

- **AWARENESS:** What has been your reaction to this scripture in past experiences? Try to characterize that reaction in word or picture.

- **ANALYSIS:** What did I hear today that was different (however small) from my previous experiences with this scripture? What surprised me?

- **ALTERNATIVES:** How does today's experience speak to my real life tomorrow outside these church walls?

- **ACTION:** Where do I find an invitation to HOPE in the hearing of this scripture today?

Anthem text: *All My Trials* by Gwyneth Walker

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

If living were a thing that money could buy,
You know the rich would live, and the poor would die.

Hush, little baby, don't you cry,
You know your mama was born to die.

Too late my brothers, too late but never mind.
I'm going home, I must leave you here behind.
O my brothers, I must leave you here behind.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

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