

# Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022 10:00 AM

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Prelude**

**Come, Ye Sinners**

arr. Jeanne C. Warzyn

Wesley Ringers II

**\*Greeting**

Leaders: Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!

Seek God's presence in your lives.

Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.

Even though we have not produced

the "fruits" of hope that God seeks,

yet God forgives and heals our weakness.

Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**People: We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God's presence!**

**Hymn**

**God of Wonders**

W&S 3034

**\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

Good and gracious God,

though you have planted us in fruitful ground,

we have failed to produce the fruits of your Spirit.

Though you care for us as a loving gardener,

and tend us with a loving mother's touch,

we stand barren in fruitful ground.

**Forgive us for the things we have done**

**and the things we have left undone**

**that have caused us to wither and wane.**

Merciful God,

help us to grow into the promise of your fruitfulness

and to have courage in this wilderness of Lent.

This we pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:

our barrenness is not the final word.

The final word is to be found in God's everlasting mercy.

God's fruitfulness will be showered upon us.

I declare to you, in Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven! **Amen.**

**Welcome**

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

**Anthem**

**Joshua!**  
Youth Choir

arr. Shaw

**Children's Message**

**Scripture**

**Luke 13:1-9**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Figs and Fruitfulness**

Rev. Tracy Wines

As we close, let us respond together:

**Lord, you are talking to me. I am listening!**

**Offering**

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**Prayer of the People**

Rev. Wines and Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

O God of ever flowing grace, you fill our every need and satisfy our every hunger. As we come before you to feast on your goodness our mouths are filled with praise for your wonderful Name.

From generation to generation you have sustained your people. In the deserts of life you bring forth springs of water.

**When we encounter the storms of life, you are our refuge.**

You nurture us as your own beloved, but we do not bear fruit. We are never satisfied. We seek out the comforts of this earth and do dishonor to you, the Giver of every good gift. We are liable for judgment, for our guilt is great. Spare your wrath from falling on us, O merciful God.

**Forgive our sin and free us to follow with joy in your righteous ways.**

Led and sustained by your Spirit, your Church has continued to this day.

