Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022 10:00 AM

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.**

WelcomeRev. Nilse Furtado-GilliamAnthemJoshua!Arr. ShawYouth Choir

Children's Message

ScriptureLuke 13:1-9The word of God for the people of God.Thanks be to God.

SermonFigs and FruitfulnessRev. Tracy WinesAs we close, let us respond together:Lord, you are talking to me. I am listening!

Offering

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Prayer of the PeopleRev. Wines and Rev. Furtado-GilliamO 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.

Anoint us with that same Spirit that we may be your witnesses, calling the nations of the world to run to you, the Holy One of Israel.

Your tender mercy and compassion extends beyond our ability to comprehend it. We commit to your loving care this day our loved ones whom we silently name in our hearts...

O God, be their help. Take them in the shadow of your wings; uphold them with your right hand and give them strength to bear their trials. Give healing to the sick, comfort those who mourn, and grant your peace to all who suffer from war and conflict.

We know that those who call upon your Name rejoice. Help us rejoice anew as we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn	You Are the Seed (Sois la Semilla)	UMH 583
Benediction		Rev. Wines
Postlude	Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Worl	ks arr. Thompson
	Wesley Ringers I	Native American Melody
	Fran Underwood, percussion	

Greeting adapted from a Call to Worship by Nancy Townley, ministrymatters.com Prayer of Confession by Stephen M. Fearing Prayer of the People adapted: Timothy J. Crouch, OSL, Nancy B. Parks, OSL, Chris E. Visminas, Mark R. Babb, OSL, And Also With You: Worship Resources Based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year C (OSL Publications, 1994), 51.