

Sunday, March 3, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Welcome to all Scouts on Scout Sunday!

TODAY'S FOCUS: Jesus clears out the temple, and declares himself a temple as well. What does it mean to us for our bodies to also be temples of God?

PRELUDE — Anneke Toomey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Boy Scout Troop #???

BEYOND THE WALLS MINISTRY MOMENT — Ben Chapman on Scouting

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #545 “The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1, 4, 5)

**1. The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the True in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may swell with thee.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Eric Presnall

One: Broken promises, empty dreams, shattered hearts...

Many: God's covenant remains strong.

One: Broken laws, weak faith, rampant doubts...

Many: God's covenant remains strong.

One: Broken systems, financial corruption, unfettered greed...

Many: God's covenant remains strong.

One: In the midst of a broken world, we come to worship as God's own people.

All: We come to worship, trusting the unbroken promise of eternal love and life!

"Contemporary Call to Worship" by Laura Jaquith Bartlett, from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012.

OPENING PRAYER — Lin**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** — Sharon Goldade**SCRIPTURE: John 2:13-22** — Eric Presnall

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

MESSAGE

"My Father's House"

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

TFWS #2164 "Sanctuary" (sing three times)

OFFERTORY — Anneke Toomey**DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Eric Presnall

ALL: O Lord, bless these gifts to your purpose; bless us to your purpose, as well. May we use all our resources to build up your kingdom on earth, disrupting inequity, overcoming barriers to wholeness, and overturning the tables of greed and oppression wherever we find them—even in ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING — Lin

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray. It is a right, good, and joyful thing ... and who taught us to pray saying:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION — Lin**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all. Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Eric Presnall

All: As a forgiven and reconciled people, may we continue to work for a world where none shall hunger or thirst, where war is a distant memory, and where all people recognize their bodies as temples of God, holy and precious in God's sight. Amen

RETIRING THE COLORS — Boy Scout Troop #???**BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Anneke Toomey

THANKS TO ALL WHO SHARE THEIR GIFTS IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke

Accomp.—Anneke

Offertory—Anneke

Song Leader—Janice

Special Music — N/A

Organ — Betsy?

Liturgist — Eric Presnall?

Children's Message— Sharon Goldade?