

# Sunday, March 23, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

## Third Sunday in Lent

**TODAY'S FOCUS: PENITENCE.** The Scriptures for this Lent are full of warnings about temptation, about getting complacent, and about pointing the finger at others. Do these warnings still apply to us?

**PRELUDE** — Anneke Toomey

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

**\*OPENING HYMN** UMH #462 “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” (vs. 1, 3, 4)

1. ‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

REFRAIN: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

3. Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just rom Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. REFRAIN

4. I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
And I know that thou are with me, wilt be with me to the end. REFRAIN

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** — Diana Murray

One: We are here this morning to worship our God. To worship and remember the love we share in the name of Christ.

**Many: We sing for joy at the sound of his name.**

One: We remember what was and what is and what will be because of the love we share in the name of Christ.

**Many: We sing for joy because of his steadfast love**

One: We tend the trees of our ministries so they will bear more fruit while we wait and hope for the harvest.

**Many: We sing for joy and pray for full, fruitful lives.**

One: Even in the watches of the night, we will sing for joy.

**All: Let our souls be satisfied and our mouths be full of praise for our God.**

**OPENING PRAYER** — Lin

**SPECIAL MUSIC** — Rinn Choir “River In Judea”

**HYMN** TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**CHILDREN’S STORY** — Sharon Goldade

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:1-9** — Diana Murray

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.” <sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’”

**MESSAGE** “Tattletales” Rev. Lin Cheek

**RESPONSIVE HYMN** UMH #468 “Dear Jesus, In Whose Life I See”

1. Dear Jesus, in whose life I see all that I would, but fail to be,  
Let thy clear light forever shine, to shame and guide this life of mine.

2. Though what I dream and what I do in my weak days are always two,  
Help me, oppressed by things undone, O thou whose deeds and dreams were one!

**OFFERTORY** — Margaret Regnier and Betsy Foushee “You Say”

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

