

Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale
Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Who Is That Man

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**WELCOME AND GATHERING PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to grow,

All: We'll get to it

One: The Lord calls us to stop and relax.

All: We have much to do

One: The Spirit calls us to be at peace and to listen

All: Lord, we will stop here, to listen and learn

One: Let us place ourselves before God

All: Holy One, help us to focus our minds and open our hearts. Amen!

OPENING HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (Gift of Finest Wheat), #429

Words: Omer Westendorf (1976)

Music: Robert E. Kreutz (1976)

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Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart

with gift of finest wheat;

Come give to us, O saving Lord,

The bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to you

our praise and gratitude,

That you should count us worthy, Lord,

To share this heaven-ly food. [Refrain]

Is not the cup we bless and share

the blood of Christ outpoured?

Do not one cup, one loaf, declare

Our oneness in the Lord? [Refrain]

*The mystery of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. [Refrain]*

*You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. [Refrain]*

UNISON PRAYER

Dear God, I thank you for the time you give to me and for the gifts I have to share. Merciful Lord, You walk with me every day, during the good times and the bad. You have mercy on me when I fall short of true discipleship and continue to demonstrate Your patience. Your love continually allows me the time and space I need to become more Christ-like. Thank you, Lord, for walking with me all my days, Amen!

Our Lord's Prayer

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.

GLORI PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

WORDS: Lesser Doxology (3rd-4th centuries)
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851
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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

Words & Music: Harry Dixon Loes
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*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. **(X3)**
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1–9

SERMON *In Time*, Pastor Dave

HYMN

Standing in the Need of Prayer, #579

Words: African-American Spiritual

Music: African-American Spiritual; arr. William Farley Smith (1986)

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Refrain:

*It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.*

*It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]*

*Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]*

*Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]*

*Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.*

*Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]*

MORNING OFFERING

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

We joyfully offer ourselves in God's work using our time, talent, and treasure.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674

MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Lord, forgive us for hiding behind excuses and standing in the shadows of life. May our offering this day be a beacon of hope for the world. Amen!

WE PAUSE TO REFLECT AND PRAY

Prayers of the People: You are invited to offer prayers of concerns or joys.
Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastor: God is with you

All: And also, with you

Pastor: Let us pray

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WORDS: Psalm 143:1

MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

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*Hear our Prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us thy peace. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness, #86

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

Music: William M. Runyan (1923)

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*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go in Peace, #445

Words: Barbara L. Waters

Music: Kenneth E. White

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Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE

Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)

Repent or Perish

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 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 others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

6 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. 7 So he said to the gardener, '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?' 8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"