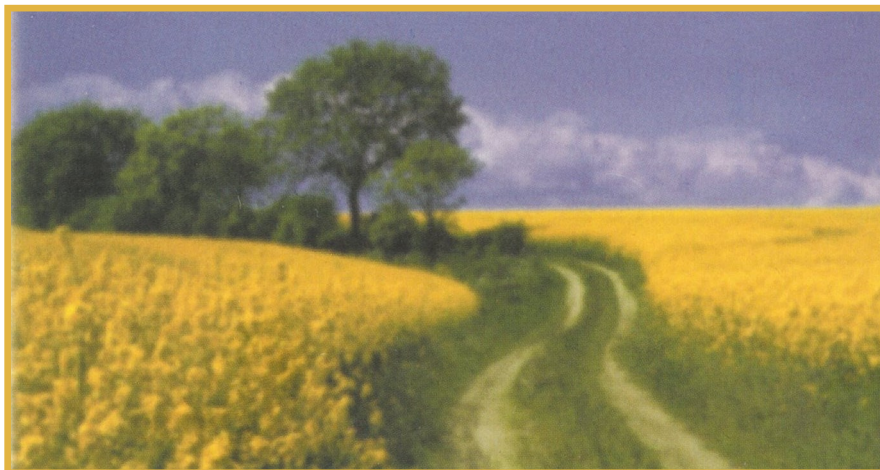


Third Wednesday in Lent

March 23, 2022 | 5:30 pm



“Time”

Gathering Music

Sharon Neuenfeldt

*You are invited to quietly greet others as you settle into sacred time and space
Candles represent the light of Christ among us*

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

Holden Evening Prayer Service

*You are invited to join in singing the parts marked “all”
As we repeat this liturgy each Wednesday, it will become familiar to us*

Readings

Cheri Schwartz

One: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

All: Amen

From the *Tao Te Ching*

If a country is governed wisely...
People enjoy their food,
take pleasure in being with their families,
spend weekends working in their gardens,
delight in the doings of the neighborhood.

From “Why Time is Not Money” (in *Sabbath*)

During Sabbath we stop counting. How do we count friendship or laughter? How do we count the value of honesty, or bread from the oven? How can we count the sunrise, the trusting clasp of a child’s hand, a melody, a tear, a lover’s touch? So many truly precious things grow only in the soil of time; and we can only begin to know their value when we stop counting.

During Sabbath, things that grow in time are honored at least as much as those things we would buy and sell. At rest, we can take deeper measure of our true wealth. If we do not rest, if we do not taste and eat and serve and teach and pray and give thanks and do all those things that grow only in time, we will become more impoverished than we will ever know. (p.112)

Psalms 118: 24,29 ~ NRSV

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it...
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 23 ~ *The Psalms: A New Translation for Prayer and Worship*

**Lord, my shepherd, there's nothing I lack.
In fresh pastures you let me lie down;
You lead me beside quiet waters;
You restore me to life.**

**In order to show who you are,
You guide me in paths that are right.
Even walking through dark valleys,
I have no fear of harm.
For you yourself are with me;
Your rod and staff reassure me.**

**Right in front of my foes,
You lay out a feast for me.
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup is overflowing.**

**Goodness and love pursue me
Every day of my life;
God's house will be my home**

One: The light shines in the darkness...
All: ... and the darkness has not overcome it.

Benediction

Parting Music

We carry the light of Christ with us in all times and spaces

*Join us downstairs for a 6 pm soup supper
and a 6:30 pm discussion on the topic of "Time" (also Zoomed)*



We support the work of our church with financial gifts as we have means to do so. Please consider leaving a gift in the offering plate as you depart or scanning this QR code to give electronically. We also gladly receive checks mailed to the church office.



Antiracism Collective Sacred Conversation

This Sunday **March 27, 10:45 - 11:45 am**
(allowing 10-20 minutes to visit over fellowship treats beforehand)

Join us (in person and Zoomed) on the topic of systemic racism in Minnesota's story. We are all encouraged to watch the film *Jim Crow of the North* prior to Sunday's conversation.



Our May Fest Gertens flower and plant sale is now LIVE.

This is a great opportunity to financially support the church (we receive 30% of all plant sales and 15% of all gift card sales!!) AND you will have beautiful plants for your summer garden!!


THE LAST DAY to order is April 6.

See Mid-Week for downloadable brochure & how to order

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Music Dir. Michael Bjork, Worship Accompanist Sharon Neuenfeldt & Cheri Schwartz (beautiful music), Cheri Schwartz (liturgist), Jenni Shaller (Chancel decoration), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech), Kathy Iverson (6 pm soup supper host), Walt Richey (6:30 topical discussion co-host)



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