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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Mr. Rogers Day

March 20, 2022



Kindness, Compassion, Peace

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*There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind.
The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind.*

~ Rev. Fred Rogers (paraphrasing Henry James)

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, PRAYER, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit
God's love is poured into our hearts.

PRELUDE IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Worshippers are invited to repeat after the leader*)

**Thank you, God / for gathering us here / in your holy house—
to sing and pray / to speak and listen / to wonder and grow.
Teach us by your Word / and fill us with your Spirit
that we may go out / sharing your great love / with all our neighbors.
Come, let us worship God!**

HYMN

JESUS, TEACH US TO BE NEIGHBORS

See Slides

A HYMN FOR MR. ROGERS DAY

Written by David Gambrell; Music by Wil Smith

MC FEELY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us to love you with heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But, if we are honest, we know that sometimes we hurt each other and fail to keep our promises to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us, day by day, to turn away from what is wrong and turn to you in faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [Silent Confession]

*RESPONSE

LAMB OF GOD

GTG #602

by Yusuf Khill

YA HAMALALLAH

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

INSTRUMENTAL

LAMB OF GOD

GTG #602

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:1-9

NRSV

HYMN

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CANNOT BE BOUND
African American Spiritual; Text by Adam M.L. Tice

GTG #766
MC KEE

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 13:6-21

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

CAN YOU SAY...GRACE?

Rev. Wigger

Inspired by the 1998 Esquire Magazine article "Can You Say...Hero?" By Tom Junod

RESPONSE

AMEN

GTG #601

Anon. Danish

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith, based on Rom. 8*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*RESPONSE

LORD, PREPARE ME
by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

GTG #701
SANCTUARY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Lord in your mercy, **hear our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

~ SENDING ~

HYMN

LED ME, GUIDE ME
by Doris Akers

GTG #740

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like 'struggle.' To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now. -Fred Rogers

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Connections*, David Gambrell, ed.; *Call to Worship*, *Lectionary Aids*; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott; *Walking in God's Path of Peace*, by David Gambrell. Sermon title is a reference to *In Defense of Kindness* by Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room after worship;
after some time of conversation we will watch the Mr. Rogers documentary:
“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”*