

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Mr. Rogers Day

March 20, 2022



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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!

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JESUS, TEACH US TO BE NEIGHBORSSee SlidesA HYMN FOR MR. ROGERS DAYWritten by David Gambrell; Music by Wil SmithMC 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. LAMB OF GOD GTG #602 INSTRUMENTAL ~ THE WORD ~ **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** ISAIAH 55:1-9 FIRST READING THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CANNOT BE BOUND HYMN

> African American Spiritual; Text by Adam M.L. Tice MC KEE

LUKE 13:6-21 **GOSPEL LESSON** NRSV Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. Thanks be to God.

CAN YOU SAY... GRACE? **SERMON** 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** 

GTG #766

NRSV

\*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.

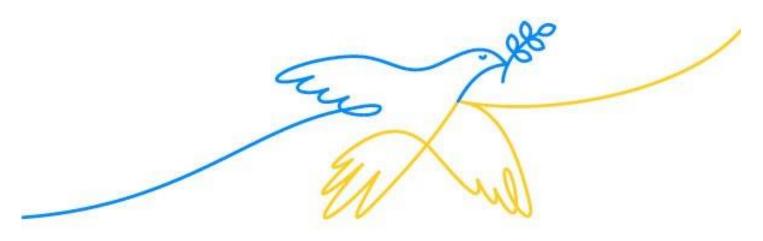
## ~ SENDING ~

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?"