

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

~ Isaiah 53:1-6

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 24, 2019

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

In the Cross of Christ I Glory  
His Eye Is on the Sparrow  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist  
Mary McDonald  
Wilbur Held  
Dale Wood

GREETING

Peace be with you.  
And also with you.

PRELUDE

“The prelude is a veil draped between everyday life and the Sanctuary.  
The music, when you cross the threshold, should separate the world without from the world within.  
If you must whisper, please let it be a prayer.”  
~ Jeremiah Wright, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL  
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley  
Anna Laura Page

Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 107

Leader: He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.  
People: He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in.  
They sow fields, and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their cattle decrease.  
The upright see it and are glad; and all wickedness stops its mouth.  
Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

\*HYMN #33

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Celebrating a  
BIRTHDAY

THIS WEEK

March 24

Carl Bingle

March 25

Maggie Pyne

March 26

Katherine Pyne

March 26

Sarah Deem

March 29


Matt Willaman

March 29

Henry Kandler

March 30

Betty Riordan

IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Dr. Robert B. Brown, and for the sick and those who need God’s comfort.

**Prayer Help Available.** Please call the church office, 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

**INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS**

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE - Gloria Be to the Father - Hymn #813**

*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.*

**LITURGIST WELCOME**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 53:1-6 (Old Testament, pages 683-684 in pew Bibles)

**ANTHEM**

*The Power of the Cross* Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service. As children depart for Sunday School, we sing “*Jesus Loves Me*” Hymn #185, verse 1)

**SECOND READING**

John 19:31-37 (New Testament, page 114 in pew Bibles)

**SERMON**

“Songs of Faith (Pt. 3): When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
Rev. Casey Carbone

**\*HYMN #324**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 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.*

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY SOLO**

David Elmer, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

**\*DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815**

*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 THANKSGIVING**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN #575**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Gothic Fanfare* (Part 1) Lester Groom  
In musical terms, Gothic denotes a medieval tonality. Many Lenten titles use the word; the music’s somber minor mode is in keeping with Jesus’ 40 days and nights of deprivation in the wilderness - but there is always a hint of his final triumph  
Carl Bingle, organ