Order of Worship THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30 am – March 20, 2022

## Participating Live?

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.* 

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN O God Beyond All Praising CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 2625313 **TFWS 2009** 

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

### **OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists

Gardener of life, till the soil of our souls, that we may receive your nourishment and grow in your love. Plant within us the seeds of hope and the passion for your justice. Feed us in this time of worship, that we might be fed by your Holy Spirit and strengthened for the journey before us. Amen.

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HYMN

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 3063417 **UMH 121** 

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
  - 3 For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
- 4 If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

# There in God's Garden VFUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, director;

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**SCRIPTURE** 

Isaiah 55: 1-9; Luke 13: 1-9 (NRSV) Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.** 

MESSAGE Pastor Matt McPhee

LENTEN MUSICAL RESPONSE:

Nothing Can Trouble (2x)

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Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us. *(repeat)* 

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Patient and merciful God, we bring our offerings humbly, hoping they will bring fruit to the ministry of your church on earth. We have not always set our priorities on bearing good fruit, yet you are a patient gardener. You have nurtured our soil with rich fertilizer, yet like the stubborn fig tree, good fruit has been scarce. May our journey this Lenten season feed our spirits to bring forth the fruit you desire. We pray in the name of our savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

(adapted from umcdiscipleship.org)

HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
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**UMH 340** 

- 1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.
- **Refrain:** I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
- 2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. *Refrain* 
  - 3 Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. *Refrain*
  - 4 Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

# **Prayer Request**

Camarillo Korean UMC—Pastor Sang Lee

Bishop First UMC—Pastor Kate Hunter

All who are in harms way in the Ukraine