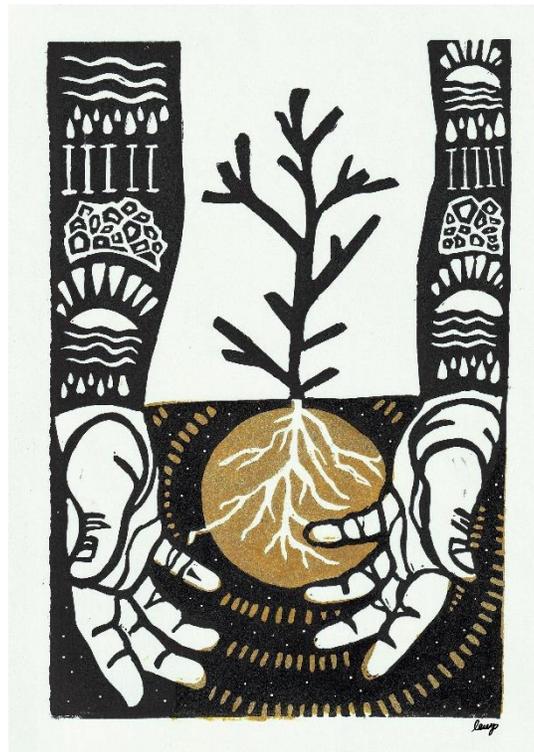




*Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022
Fair Street Reformed Church*



Sunday Worship
Third Sunday in Lent, March 20, 2022

God Gathers the Church

GATHERING MUSIC & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are thirsty.

Come, all who are seeking.

Come, all who are waiting.

Come, all who labor.

Come, all who need rest.

Come, all who dream dreams.

Come—

whether you're young or old,

confident or curious,

lonely or hopeful.

This is God's house. All are welcome here.

Let us worship holy God.

***OPENING HYMN: #80 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

we treat our self-worth like something that can be bought at a store;

but you know this even better than we do.

Instead of trusting that we are made good,

instead of trusting that we are loved exactly as we are,

we stockpile our value in earthly things—

in trophies and awards, in likes and follows, in wealth and power.

Forgive us for creating our own measuring stick.

Heal our open wounds and tell our hearts that we won't be forgotten if we slow down.

We won't be forgotten if we rest. Gratefully we pray, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

Colossians 3:12-15

As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful.

GLORIA PATRI

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:1-9 (*New Testament*, pg. 76)
Isaiah 55:1-9 (*Old Testament*, pg. 685-686)

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

SERMON "*Full to the Brim, You Are Worthy*"

Rev. Kendra VanHouten

HYMN: #109 "*O, How I Love Jesus*"

The Church Responds to God

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors) *

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"What I Forgot"

*Sometimes I wish I was the fig tree.
No fruit here, just soaking up the sun,
growing roots, turning green,
stretching out my branches until
I can hug the horizon.
Sometimes I wish I was the fig tree,
because she doesn't produce,
and she's not exhausted,
and she probably gets eight hours
of sleep at night.
And her branches,
unlike my shoulders,
are not heavy with work—
pulled toward the ground,
threatening to break.
And her trunk,
unlike my spine,
is not fighting to stand tall*

***while holding it all together.
Sometimes I wish I was the fig tree
because she knows
what I forgot
many years ago.
You are still worthy
even if
you don't produce.***

**Written by: Rev. Sarah Are sanctifiedart.org*

**WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE JOINING US
FOR WORSHIP!**



To let us know you're here!



To make
an online contribution!



To text Pastor Kendra a prayer
request!

In Our Prayers

Friends with cancer: Linda Brown's brothers, Steve, Mark, and Joey Newkirk; Larry; Nancy Chesterton; Tony DiPietro; Elissa Hillard; John Jacobs; Kim Kuiper; Nathaniel Leach; Lewis Martin; Debbie Schaffer; Jackie Polisar; Eric McCord; Dr. Rosemary Deleo; John Stone

Prayers of Sympathy: Leslie Clark, and family, whose great-nephew recently passed away from cancer at age 24; Family and friends of Thelma Miller who passed away on Tuesday, March 2

General Prayers: Barbara Bender; Nancy Kaiser; Johns Stone; For the people of Ukraine: as the fighting continues, pray for peace, pray for the safety of those seeking shelter, fighting, and the ones who are traveling to neighboring countries to seek refuge. For Afghanistan: while many people fled the country, many of them left behind family. Pray for the refugees seeking to resettle and for their families back in Afghanistan.

Homebound/Residential Friends:

Florida: Bob Elander

Mt. Valley Manor: Grace Heaney

Ten Broeck Commons: Joan Alsdorf

Home: Sandra Bollin

North Carolina: Bill Ford

Announcements for Sunday, March 20 . . .

FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM:

Over the last six months, Fair Street has successfully met our goal of six missions of the month. So amazing! Because of your generosity, we have supported and made contributions totaling over \$8,000 to: USPCA, UIDN, Washbourne House, Disaster Relief Work of Church World Services, Shriners Children Hospital, and soon, the Stone Family! (The February Mission of the Month.) Your generous donations have positively and meaningfully impacted lives both locally and globally. This is the true meaning of missionary work, and we could not be more grateful for all that you have done and given. We are going to pause the Mission of the Month for March but will resume our efforts in April. **Since the Mission Ministry team has selected the past six missions, we want to give the congregation an opportunity to share their ideas on beneficiaries!** (Please note: We alternate the mission of the month between local and global.) We are looking forward to hearing from you. Please email, text, or call Linda Brown with your suggestions.

BIBLE STUDY...meets every Wednesdays at 9am on Zoom

This week, March 23: *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

Next week, March 30: *John 12:1-8; Isaiah 43:16-21*

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Stay tuned for updates on April's Mission of the Month and how you'll be invited to support children in Ukraine.

LENTEN JOURNEY 2022

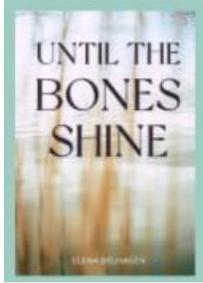
Throughout the Lenten season, we will look at parables and promises of God's abundant and overflowing grace and love. From the prodigal son to the fig tree, shouting stones, and the life of Jesus we will pause each week to see the overflowing grace and love, and how it spills over into our lives.



"Full to the Brim doesn't ignore or deny sin and suffering. It doesn't absolve accountability for wrongdoing. Instead, it contextualizes our faith. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises? It reminds us to live fully – as we pursue justice and hope or express

our grief and gratitude. And so, this Lent, let us trust – fully – that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us." *

**Taken from Sanctified Art: "About the Theme"*



Book Group Starting Up in May!!

- Sign up now to get your book and start reading!
- You are invited to join in reading a book and then participate in a discussion!
- First discussion: May 5. Other (tentative) discussion dates: June 23, September 8, October 6, and November 3.

First Book, for May 5: *Until the Bones Shine* by Elena Delhagen

Order your book today on her website: elenadelhagen.com, or let Pastor Kendra know by March 30 and she will place the order. Book cost is \$20. **On May 5, we will gather on Zoom and Elena, the author will be joining us for our discussion! We hope to have you join us!**

“Until the Bones Shine is a story for those who feel hopeless, reminding readers, with Delhagen’s characteristic gentleness, that redemption is never beyond reach. Through hard-won wisdom and heartfelt musings, she reassures all who fear they’ve been forgotten by God that they, too, can rise up and shine.”

**from the author’s website*

CALENDAR

<u>THIS WEEK</u>		
SUNDAY 3/20	10:00am 4:00pm	Worship/CAW Welcome Team Meeting (Zoom)
MONDAY 3/21	5:00pm 6:30pm	Worship Ministry Meeting Christian Ed. Ministry Meeting
TUESDAY 3/22	5:30pm	Consistory Meeting
WEDNESDAY 3/23	9:00am	Bible Study
THURSDAY 3/24	5:30pm	RCA Global Missions & Ukraine Meeting (Zoom)
<u>NEXT WEEK</u>		
SUNDAY 3/27	10:00am	Worship/CAW
WEDNESDAY 3/30	9:00am	Bible Study

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