

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 12, 2023**

***The Community Gathers Before God***

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prelude

*Have mercy, God, Father eternal*  
BWV 669 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Simon Jacobs

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Floyd Davis

Friends of God, come, and find that quiet center where God may enter in.

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE, HUNGRY FOR HOLY PRESENCE.**

The journey through Lent is a time of repentance and renewal.

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE, TO FACE ALL THAT IS HARDENED  
WITHIN US.**

Along the way, God challenges, heals and strengthens us to follow.

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WANTING TO BE MADE NEW.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**WE ARE NOT ALONE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

\*Opening Hymn

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

#202

\*Prayer of Invocation

Floyd Davis

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Noisy Offering Day

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Prayers of the People

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

***The Community Hears and Proclaims God's Word***

First Lesson

Matthew 11:29-30

Floyd Davis

Anthem

*Fight the Good Fight*  
*Five Hymns in Popular Style*/John Gardner

Chancel Choir  
Guest Dir., Ray Killian

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55

p. 685 NT

Sermon

Rev. Caryn Yoast

***The Community Shares in Christ's Life***

Communion Hymn

*Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*

#387

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Caryn Yoast

Words of Institution

Elder Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jack Lingbloom

Communion Music

*Méditation*

Simon Jacobs

(from Symphonie I) – C. M. Widor (1844-1937)

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

*The table of the Lord is open to any and all who would come. The Lord is host; he invites and welcomes everyone to share in his supper. Please partake of the bread and cup as you receive it.*

Invitation to Offering

Floyd Davis

Offertory Music

*Andante*

Simon Jacobs

(from Sonata VI) – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

\*Doxology

#47

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Caryn Yoast

***The Community Departs for Ministry***

\*Silent Prayer for the World

\*Closing Hymn

*Softly and Tenderly*

#340

\*Carrying the Light to the World

Postlude

*Have mercy, God, Holy Spirit*  
BWV 671 – J.S. Bach

Simon Jacobs

\*Benediction

Rev. Caryn Yoast

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Life of Our Church

- **TODAY – NOISY OFFERING** FCC's Noisy Offering for March 12, will be for **UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)**. We will be collecting for "Newborn Kits for Babies."

*Details: With this UNICEF Inspired Gift, you can help mothers give their newborn baby the best start in life. This gift contains blankets, prenatal supplements for moms and essential vaccines to protect children against measles, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.*

- **TODAY – 3:00pm, Bach Fest: Ensemble Concert** American Guild of Organist members, soloists, and ensemble perform **J. S. Bach Concertos and Cantatas by J. S. Bach**
- March 16 - Thursday Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm
- March 18 – Baby Shower for baby Violet Bustillos 10:30am
- March 19 – ALL Church Potluck 11:30am (recurring every month 😊)
- March 21 – Admin. Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- March 23 - Thursday Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm
- March 27 – Ministry Board Meeting 6:00pm
- March 30 – Thursday Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm
- April 1 – Rebekah's 1:00pm
- April 2 – Palm Sunday
- April 6 – Maundy Thursday service 6:30pm
- April 7 – Good Friday (church offices closed) no services
- April 9 – Easter Sunday

*Please ensure all upcoming meetings are on (or removed from) the master church calendar by contacting the church office. ~ Thank you*

**FCC Lenten Sacrifice 2023**  
**before speaking to others ask these 3 questions:**  
**Is it kind? Is it true? Is it necessary?**  
**...to seek God always, in all ways.**

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14*



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