

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rene & Richard Taylor, sister to Debbie Olson
**Natalie Gouwens, friend of Jon Lair
**Caitlin Musick, friend of Jon Lair
**Sue, co-worker of Ryan Bluhm
**Betty Temple
*The family of Lester Schmock
*Darryl, friend of Gary Erlenborn
*Dennis, friend of Marie Cost
Janice Dobrinich



WELCOME TO THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Senior Pastor—Rev. Denise Robinson
Pastor of Youth & Family—Rev. Becky Sundquist
Liturgist—Marie Cost
Music Director—Pablo Valladares
Treasurer—Linda Boender
Connections Coordinator—Nancy Caddick
Facility Manager—David Miller
Technical Director—Dan Zilai
Office Operations Manager—Donna Zehner



MARCH 23, 2025

9:00am Traditional Worship at Ridge

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

INTROIT

In God Alone

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A Listening/Forgive by Ann Weems

Going through Lent is a listening. There are no dances for dark days. When we listen to the word, we hear where we are so blatantly unliving. If we listen to the word, and hallow it into our lives, we hear how we can so abundantly live again. The best we can do is to remain still and silent and try to remember the face of God and how to kneel and how to pray.

Forgive, O God, our weariness with your world and with your word. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

#292 What Wondrous Love Is This v1-2

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Becky Sundquist

OFFERING

Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY AND BLESSING OVER OFFERING

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN

#2193 Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying x2

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

* SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:34-46

THE MESSAGE

Confronted by the Cross Rev. Denise Robinson

*RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

#881 The Apostles' Creed

*CLOSING HYMN

#71 Glory Be To the Father

***BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE** *As worship concludes we move to the Gathering Room, where we are invited to greet one another and share in fellowship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance Report—For January and February 2025: Our budgeted expenses were \$73,411 and our income received was \$58,917. This leaves a budget deficit (shortfall) of -\$14,494 as of March 1st. It is important to note that January is historically our worst month for giving. We did see a 5% increase in income for February.

Wednesday Night Dinner—A light meal is served prior to the pastor led Bible study. Please sign up in the main entryway to supply a dinner.

Food Bank of NWI—Opportunity to volunteer to pack and sort is available on Monday, **March 24th** at 9am. Please contact Kathy Giannini for additional details.

Mac Madness—On **April 6th** at 5pm, the youth will sponsor a Mac-N-Cheese Cook-Off along with a fun domino display in the Fellowship Hall. The youth will need around 400 boxes of mac-n-cheese to create this display. Donations can be left in the main entry way. In the bulletin, an RSVP card is available if you are interested in judging the mac and cheese. Please return these to the main office no later than March 30th. Any questions, please contact Lauren Holloway at mamabear345@aol.com.

Easter Egg Scramble—First Christian Church is inviting children ages 10 and under to join in an Easter Egg Scramble on **April 19th** at 11am. Please return your RSVP card to the main office at Ridge no later than April 13th.

Rummage Sale—Sign up sheets are now available on the bulletin board across from the main office. Volunteers are needed to help set up on April 22-24th and during the sale on **April 25-26th**.

Attendance—Please let us know that you are here by completing the [Blue Gather](#) card and any additional information.



* You are invited to remain seated or stand as you are able.

** Please silence your Cell Phone.