

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The grace of God's love is revealed through a shepherd seeking a lost sheep.

**P: One example of God seeking and saving the lost.**

L: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found.

**P: God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

L: Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**P: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.**

† HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH #127

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 63:1-8

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. <sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. <sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. <sup>5</sup> My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips <sup>6</sup> when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night, <sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## RECOGNITION OF EXPECTATION MOTHERS

† HYMN *Amazing Grace* UMH #378

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:22-35

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

MESSAGE *"Through a Mother's Heart"* Rev. David Magruder

## PASTORAL PRAYER &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH #881

† GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

† HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH #381

## † BENEDICTION

† *Stand as you are able*



THIRD SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT



**Church Yard Sale &  
Youth Bake Sale  
Fundraiser**

**NEXT SATURDAY**  
March 29  
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please bring in items before Friday, March 28, so they can be priced and organized. Volunteers are needed on March 27 and 28 starting at 9 am, to help organize and display items, and on March 29 to help assist customers. Proceeds from the sale will go to the general operations and ministries of the church.

**Lectionary for March/April 2025**

<u>March 30</u>	<u>April 6</u>	<u>April 13</u>	<u>April 20</u>
Joshua 5:9-12	Isaiah 43:16-21	Luke 19:28-40	Acts 10:34-43
Psalms 32	Psalms 126	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	John 12:1-8	Luke 23:1-49	John 20:1-18 / Luke 24:1-12

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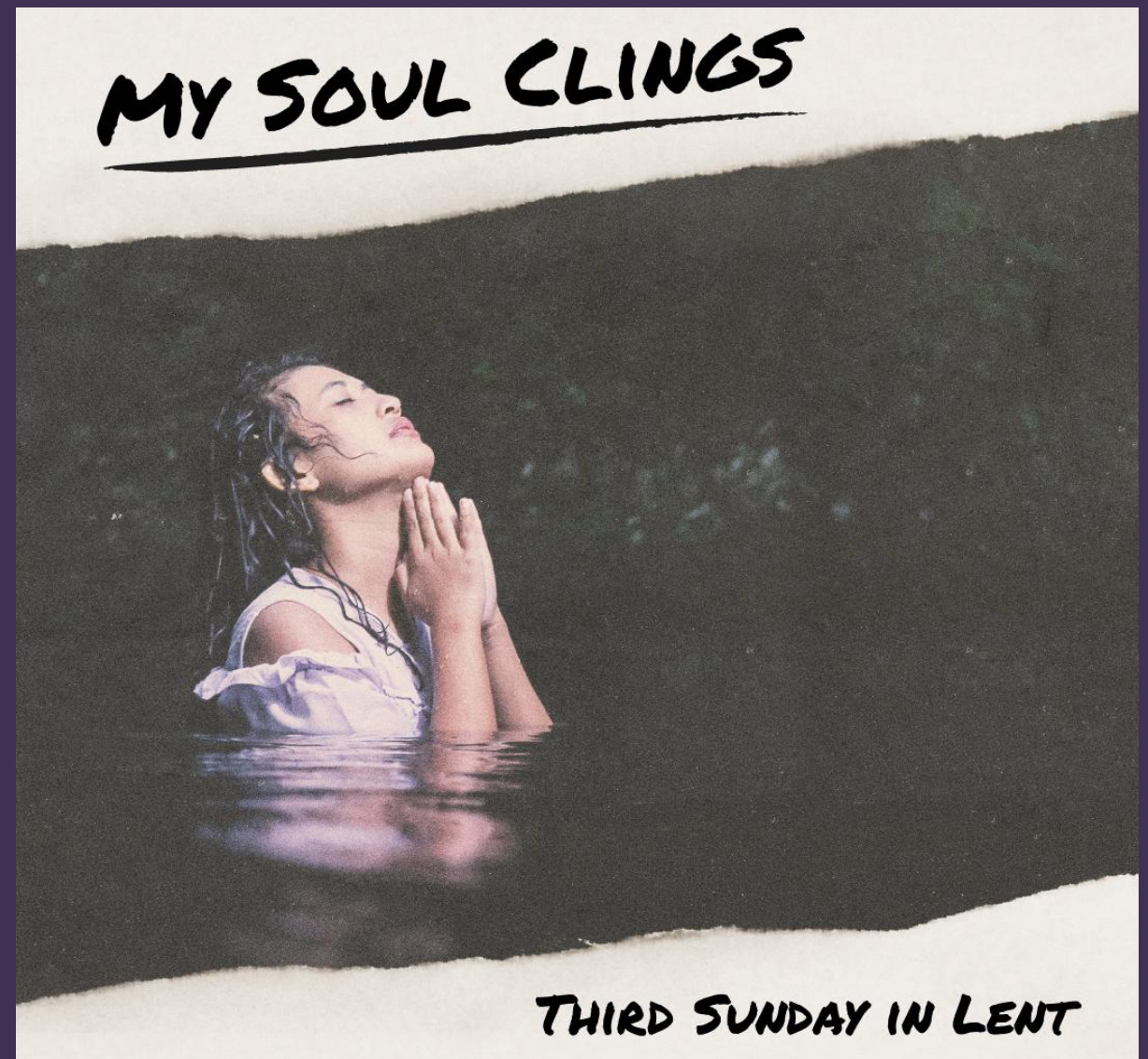
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**MY SOUL CLINGS**



**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**“Through a Mother’s Heart”**

*Rev. David Magruder*

**March 23, 2025**