

**HYMN #400 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor & Congregation:**

**God has moved in all our lives. God has gathered us together this day.  
And now, God sends us into the world to join God's ongoing work.  
May we go forth to serve God and our neighbor and may the peace of  
God which passes all understanding keep our minds and our hearts  
focused on the ministry of Jesus. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE Postlude on "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"**

**Rolf Unkel**

Worship has ended. Let Service begin.

Please join us for 2nd Hour Presentation:

"Episcopalian Distinctiveness"

with Rev. Nathaniel Anderson of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Ways to Connect with Rev. Deanna:

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# Third Sunday in Lent

## Service of The Word



**March 23rd,  
2025**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS & CONCERNS

**PRELUDE**                      **Meditation**                      **Eugène Gigout**  
Nate Welsh, Music Director

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 63)*

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

**People: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;

**People: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

**HYMN #489**      I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **TIME OF SILENCE**

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE #746**

Holy God, Holy and mighty,  
Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us.

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **Luke 13:1-9**      **Anne Skinner**

## REFLECTION

Rev. Deanna Shorb  
Senior Minister

**HYMN #586**                      **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

### **INVITATION TO GIVING**

**Deacon and Congregation: We offer back to God what God has first given us... our gifts, our time, and our talent. May each be of use to God's church and people near and far. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**                      **Peace Like a River**                      **arr. Philip E. Baker**

**DOXOLOGY #7**      **Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Pastor and Congregation:**

**Gracious God, you give to us out of your abundance. For the material gifts and the spiritual gifts you give us, we thank you. We dedicate these gifts of time and talents and tithes to you and ask that you continue to lead us as we use these gifts to spread your love and join your work in this community. Amen**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**