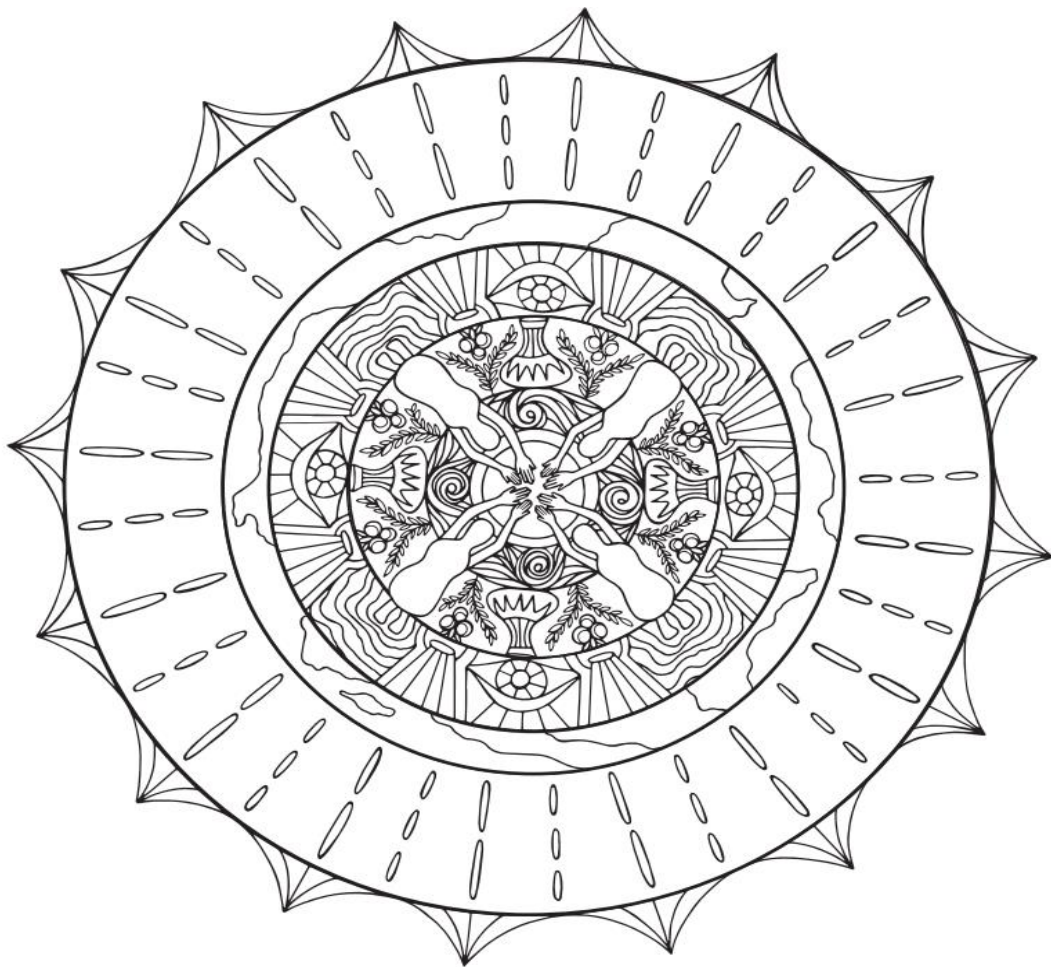




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10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*If you are new to worship, welcome and please fill out a blue visitor card.  
Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

Joe Blinick

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### PRELUDE

Joe Blinick

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: We cultivate the earth—

**All: When we till the ground and lay new seeds.**

One: We cultivate safe space—

**All: When we pay attention to what others need.**

One: We cultivate worship—

**All: When we come together, our hearts on our sleeves.**

One: In this worship, may we be honest and present;

**All: May we be faithful and gracious.**

One: For the God of the soil, who is the God of our hearts, is near.

**All: Let us worship Holy God.**

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<sup>1</sup> Prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**All:** Merciful God, we have fallen short, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Romans 8:38-39)*

One: With Paul the Apostle we are convinced

**All:** that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God. Amen.

<b>HYMN</b>	“Womb of Life and Source of Being”	Chancel Choir
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Luke 13:1-9	Marilee Beinema
<b>THE WISDOM OF THE FIG TREE<sup>2</sup></b>		Meditation on Luke 13:1-9
<b>THE SERMON</b>		Rev. Diane Bennekamper
<b>ANTHEM</b>	“Come to Tend to God’s Garden” By John A. Dalles	Chancel Choir
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

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<sup>2</sup> Art, Film & Words by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

## THE OFFERTORY

### HYMN

“Take My Gifts”

Chancel Choir

### BENEDICTION

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

Chancel Choir

### POSTLUDE

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Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Diane Bennekamper  
Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Beth Stouder  
Ushers: Peggy Horton  
Special Music: Beth Stouder, Joe Blinick  
Liturgist: Marilee Beinema  
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



### Next Sunday's Lectionary

Josh 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Cor 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

