

**Upper St. Croix Parish**  
**Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls**  
**March 7th, 2021**  
**“Third Sunday in Lent”**

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\*This bulletin is for a Zoom Service and home service.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE GREETINGS**

*“Peace be with You!”*

**We Celebrate New Life in Christ**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**    Responsive

Gather to ponder the wisdom and law of God.

Draw near to share in God’s strength and power.

**The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul;**

**God’s testimony is sure, making wise the simple.**

The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart;

God’s commandments are pure, enlightening the eyes.

**The fear of God is clean, enduring forever;**

**God’s ordinances are true and righteous altogether.**

Let the words of our mouths

and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

**O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**    *O Love, How Deep*    UMH 267 (vs. 1& 6)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**O God, we come to your holy temple, not for what we can gain, but to honor your name, not that others may think well of us, but that we may pour out our thanksgiving. May we desire your truth more than gold, your word more than the sweetness of honey, the power of your commandments beyond all our excuses. Alert us to your presence and make yourself known to us in ways we cannot mistake. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Proclamation of God’s Word**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 2:13-22**

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18 The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION-SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SERMON**    *“It’s the Heart that Matters.”*    **Pastor Jenny Lee**

*(If you could not join our Zoom Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon, or view the video clip on Facebook, or listen to the sermon by phone.)*

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**RESPONDING PRAYER**    Unison

**O God, open our eyes to see your love so that we may live by its spirit of love. Give us your mind, O God, to see people who you see, and to care for people who you care as we listen to your holy word. Help us to purify our hearts to see you, to know your will, and to love one another. Empower us to embrace others as you forgave our sins. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(If you prepare an offering, please send it to your church.)*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**UMH 95**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**    Unison

**O God, as we honor you with these gifts, we give thanks for all your blessings and pray that you will help us to be good stewards.**

Keep us from trading on your generosity for our own benefit rather than participating fully in your caring love for all humanity. May we be disciples and servants. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION FOR COMMUNION Pastor Jenny Lee

CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against you love,

we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(prayers in Silence)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13-14 (see insert)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING (TAKING) THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER Unison

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

\*HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77 (vs. 1& 2)

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Jenny Lee

POSTLUDE

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**The United Methodist Church**

*10 AM Online Zoom Service*

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