

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

MEDITATION

The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions. Thich Nhat Hanh

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit Come and Find the Quiet Center #2128 v 1 & 3

Call To Worship *(Please stand as you are able)

One: I come to worship with expectation.

All: I come reluctantly, dragging my feet.

One: I come to worship with a desire for direction: Where can I best serve?

All: I come longing to be served. However we come, here we are.

One: I come to worship with joy.

All: I come with the knowledge that, for me, joy is only another word.

One: I come to worship with a full heart.

All: I come with a heart longing to be filled. However we come, here we are, O God, to worship you. Let us open our hearts and our minds to all that is possible through Christ our Lord. Amen!

*Hymn Blest Be the Tie That Binds #557

Song: *Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing— you are my own.*

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (together, seated)

O God, the walk with you is truly a journey in stages, with many stops and starts, hesitant pauses and uncertain steps. We pray for those who falter this day, in discouragement or disease and for those who stumble through the fog of grief

who long for a clear sign that you are with them. Steady their footsteps and dwell with them, O healing God. Our journey in the Spirit is also punctuated with daring leaps, dances of joy and moments of quiet awe. We thank you for the gift of community, for the privilege of serving one another, and for your presence with us in all circumstances of life. Hear us as we pray together saying, *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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scriptures Psalm 32 (read responsively from pg766)
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon Reconciliation Rev. Stoddard

Interlude

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

*Doxology #95

*Unison Offering Prayer

Gracious God, you have made us to be your people in your own image. We are members of Christ, and dedicate ourselves to becoming one in spirit with him. Take our gifts and use them to your glory in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

*Hymn In the Midst of New Dimensions #2238

Benediction (seated)

Postlude

Please join us in the Parish Hall for Fellowship after the service

Reverend Janet L Stoddard, Minister
Sean McMahon Minister of Music