



Reed City United Methodist Church

Worship Service for March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Sally Andrews

Words of Welcome & Community Events

*** Call to Worship**

Vicki Saladin

We come, because we seek God.

Every morning, every day, every evening, every moment, God is with us.

We come, because we hunger for Christ.

Jesus will feed us with hope and replace our emptiness with grace.

We come, because we thirst for the Spirit.

Who fills our yearning for peace and ends the drought of justice.

*** Opening Hymn #662**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

*** Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Daniel

God, you call us to step more deeply into ourselves as we amend and awaken to who you desire us to be.

Let us acknowledge our transgressions in stillness and in silence so that we may prepare our hearts for change.

[Moment of silence]

We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit.

In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way.

Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you.

Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps;

Yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change.

There is another opportunity to bear good fruit in a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill.

We are called to be the change that sustains generations.

Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.

Words of Assurance

God's grace and mercy abounds.

God is with us in the change.

God's everlasting arms embrace us.

Each of us is beloved, affirmed, and set free.

Amen.

Hymn of Preparation #451

“Be Thou My Vision”

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:6-9

Vicki Saladin

Sermon

“God Moves over the Fence”

Musical Interlude

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

* **Our Tithes and Offerings** (Doxology #95)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, you heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Closing Hymn #664**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (verse 1 only)

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

Following worship join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Schedule This Week

Today (23rd) “If” Bible Study 10:30 meet in FH

Monday (24th) Bible Study at Lola Callaghan’s 6 pm

Tuesday 25th) In Stitches 10-12

Weds (26th) AARP Noon
Coat Pantry 12-3
Kidz Klub 3:30-5

Thursday (27th) Bible Study “The Sermon on the Mount” - 10-11:30 am

Reminder: Church is closed when Reed City Schools are closed due to inclement weather.

