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And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" – Exodus 17:7

**RULING ELDERS (SESSION)**

Class of 2023

Josh Knapp (Building & Grounds)  
 Ashley Matthews (Human Resources)  
 Derrick Matthews (Technology)  
 Sky Wagner (Mission)

Class of 2024

Deb Kereczman (Outreach)  
 Peg Rohrer (Building & Grounds)  
 Barb Sager (Nominating)  
 Judi Yarwood (Clerk)

Class of 2025

Jim Henderson (Finance)  
 Tad Hershey (Membership)  
 Brian Kocsi (Christian Formation)  
 Chris Rowles (Worship & Music)

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

Class of 2023

Dinke Moir  
 Jim Moody  
 Susan Doerfler

Class of 2024

Linda Anspach, Linda Anspach  
 Doris McBeth  
 Joan Platt

Class of 2025

Michelle Hess  
 Lori Nimmon, Moderator  
 Kathy Smith  
 2023 Youth Representative to the Board of Deacons – Abby Knapp

**Communion Sundays 2023:**

January 29  
 February 22 (Ash Wednesday)  
 April 6 (Maundy Thursday)  
 April 9 (Easter Sunrise only)  
 April 23  
 May 28 (Pentecost)  
 July 2  
 August 13  
 September 10  
 October 1 (World Communion)  
 November 12  
 December 24

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**March 12, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m.**

*Nursery, Wheelchair, Hearing Assist System & Large Print Bibles available. See usher or A/V booth for assistance. (Children & Youth ministries are offered at 11:00 am.)*

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

### 3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Wayside! If this is your first time worshipping with us, we pray you will be blessed and want to return. If you are a returning friend, we invite you to consider officially uniting with this congregation. We're all on a journey of life and faith, and we are stronger together. Stop by the Information Table and check out our website for more ways to connect. Join us this Friday 6:30pm for a free Grace Notes concert, "Oldies But Goodies: Hits of the '60s & '70s." Live blessed!

*\*Indicates the option to stand as able in body or spirit.*

#### Gathering Music & Announcement Slides / Time of Greeting

Our Mission: "Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way."

#### Welcome / Invitation to Connect

Pastor Steve

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

#### Prelude / Quiet Preparation for Worship

Charlie Postas

Lighting of the Worship candles

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7a (NIV)

Deb Kereczman, Liturgist

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord ; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**P: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

L: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

**P: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

L: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

**P: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

**\*Hymn 9 (vv. 1, 3 & 4)** Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

#### Call to Confession

Exodus 17:7b-11

Liturgist

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

Gracious God, I confess I have grumbled, complained, and not trusted you in times of trial, temptation, and general frustration. I forget how faithful

you have been in my yesterdays, and I am slow to believe your promises for all my tomorrows. I am not at peace, and my conscience is troubled. Have mercy on my soul and forgive my sins. Calm my spirit and settle my mind, that I may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. (continue in silent personal confession)

#### Assurance of Pardon

Reading of Romans 5:1-11

Liturgist

L: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are, I am, forgiven.**

**\*Hymn** Glory Be to the Father / *Gloria Patri*

#### Choir Anthem

Because We Believe

Janelle Pabon, Music Director

#### \*Prayer Table for Offerings & Lighting of Candles / Offertory

#### Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Pastor Steve

(Wandering in the wilderness, the Israelites complain and quarrel, testing to see if God was still with them.)

#### Morning Message

Into the Wild: Developing a Conscience

Pastor Steve

#### Musical Reflection

*A clear rule in my childhood home ...*

*A moment when I breached a moral boundary...*

*Something still troubling my conscience...*

#### Sharing Joys, Concerns & Testimonies / Pastoral & The Lord's Prayer

#### \*Hymn 500

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#### \*Charge & Benediction

#### \*Postlude / Joyful Parting



**This Friday, March 17, 6:30pm:** "Oldies But Goodies" concert. Invite 2 people!  
**Next Week:** Anthems by Chancel Choir & Bell Choir. (Infant Baptism 11:00)