



BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ask 
a Lenten series

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Each week throughout this season, we are providing the opportunity to zoom in on one question and one snippet of the much longer story that was heard in worship on Sunday. Through music, prayer, and reflection we invite you to ponder and identify the questions that rise in you.

Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father

Swedish folk tune
arr. John Barr

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

assisted by Hans Walter-Peterson, cantor
Sue Cardinal, flute

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PROCESSION

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O FAITHFUL GOD

Psalm 51

MARTIN'S RIDGE



1. O faith-ful God, have mer-cy on your ser-vant here;
 2. I know my deeds, I know my faults and fail-ings well;
 3. You long for truth, for wis-dom dwell-ing deep with-in;



in your love, re-mem-ber not my sins. In the
 I have sinned and bro-ken faith with you. For the
 teach my heart to long for wis-dom, too: Wash me



wa-ters of your grace, wash me clean of all dis-grace;
 wrong that I have done, my trans-gres-sions, ev-'ry one,
 clean and give me voice, so these bones you crushed re-joice;



raise me up to life from death and fear.
 God your judg-ment would be just and true.
 turn my heart from sin to life in you.



4. Cre-ate in me a clean and right-eous heart, O God, put a



will-ing spir-it in my soul. Let me sing with joy a-new the sal-



va-tion found in you, sing-ing praise to you who made me whole.

PRAYER

Holy One, you are steadfast love and abundant mercy to all who turn to you. Create within us hearts of love and compassion. Place in us spirits that are eager to live with integrity. Give us voice to sing to you with gratitude and to proclaim you with courage and conviction. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

Amen

QUESTIONS THAT DIVIDE, QUESTIONS THAT BIND

Genesis 3:1-4, 6-11

A reading from Genesis.

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. . . . ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

African American spiritual

Silence for meditation

DISMISSAL

In the name of Jesus our Savior, go from this sanctuary into a world hungry for God's love.

Thanks be to God.

BLC Musicians

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Dr. Jim Jefferis, Director of The Chancel Choir

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Share in Simple Suppers each Wednesday at 6:00 PM immediately before our Wednesday evening Service of Holden Evening Prayer. Simple Suppers continue through **March 29**. Volunteers are always welcome to help set-up, serve and clean up afterwards.

Parking on Wednesday evening. . . we may use the Board of Education building parking lot but BLC members and guests are asked to avoid using the 3 parking spaces adjacent to the northern walkway leading from the parking lot to the Board of Education building.

Communicate with us: Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website -

<https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

What's happening at BLC this week? Visit the Calendar of Events at www.blcfairport.org. Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please email the church office at office@blcfairport.org or visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>

Church office hours: Our co-Pastors are available Sunday-Thursday and on-call for emergencies. Contact them directly to schedule an appointment either by calling (585)223-0634 or emailing pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org or pastor.amy@blcfairport.org.