

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023

THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

PRELUDE

“At the Cross”

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sara Simon
Worship Leader*

***INVITING WORDS TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

On this third Sunday in Lent, come and worship the God who is our solid rock.

So much of life is unstable. We need a firm foundation.

God is the only one on whom we can build with confidence.

Every other way of life is shifting sand.

The Rock of Ages is always with us.

We come to prove Jesus as the shelter of our faith.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

*Hymn 214
Verses 1 & 3*

***INVITING PRAYER**

*Sara Simon
Worship Leader*

EXTINGUISHING THE THIRD LENTEN CANDLE

“Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother.”

*Ed Guindon
Elder*

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Edd Spencer

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 6:13-19 (NT p. 221)

*Sara Simon
Worship Leader*

SERMON

*“The Anchor Cross
The Cross of Hope”*

Rev. Edd Spencer

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“To God Be The Glory”

*Hymn 72
All Verses*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer cards are in the pews

Rev. Edd Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving of Tithes,
Offerings
Offertory

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

*Sara Simon
Worship Leader*

*Margaret Cox
Pianist
Hymn 48*

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

THE GIFT FROM JESUS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer

*Ed Guindon
Elder*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Hear the words of Jesus when He said, “Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take and drink, this is the cup of the covenant poured out for you.”

Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you individually wrapped communion elements. Please partake of communion together when the pastor says “take eat and take drink”

SHARING GOD’S LOVE WITH OTHERS

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Precious Name”

*Hymn 625
Verses 1 & 2*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

“The Solid Rock (My hope is built)”

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

*Congregation standing – as able or willing

We welcome all our guests who are worshipping with us today at Valley Christian Church. We hope that you find it a meaningful experience and that you will come our way again soon. Please join us in the parlor after the service for a time of coffee and fellowship.

Life in the Valley

Sunday, Mar 12	Third Sunday in Lent – The Anchor Cross Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward 10:00am Elders’ Prayers John Gregory’s Birthday
Monday, Mar 13	6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Mar 14	6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Mar 15	9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship) 11:30am Brown Bag Luncheon (Parlor) 12:00pm - The Rooster Crows (Sanctuary)
Thursday, Mar 16	9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship) 11:30am Men’s Luncheon
Friday, Mar 17	St. Patrick’s Day 9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship) 6:00pm Men’s Retreat – Alabama 4H Conference Center (Columbiana)
Saturday, Mar 18	9:00am Men’s Retreat – Alabama 4H Conference Center (Columbiana)
Sunday, Mar 19	Fourth Sunday in Lent – The Greek Cross 12:00pm Board Meeting

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday
Pastor Edd’s office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Wednesday

Today’s Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: Sara Simon ELDER: Ed Guindon DEACONS/GREETER: Team 2 –
Captain: Peggi Zinser Members: Carol Speed, Clarence Sellers and Ted Stuckenschneider
OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Peggi Zinser COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Lola Kiser

Wednesday Lenten Service

This Wednesday, March 15th at 11:30am, is our Brown Bag Lunch and Lenten Worship Service.
Please bring your lunch and special dessert will be provided after lunch. At 12:00noon we will
gather in the sanctuary for worship. This year is “The Sounds of the Passion”. This Wednesday we
will hear the sounds of the Rooster Crowing after Peter denied Jesus three times. Invite a friend.

Valley Christian Church

The Lenten Crosses Sermon Series

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The Anchor Cross

The Anchor cross was used in the early church in disguise form so that its true significance would not be discovered by the enemies of the Christians. The disguise was effective because of the similarity of the arm of the cross to the bar of an anchor.

The Anchor cross is sign of hope in Jesus Christ. The hope symbolized by the Anchor cross probably relates directly to Hebrews 6:19, “We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.”