

CENTER LISLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

*God, through Christ, is the foundation upon which we are united
to worship, grow and share in Christian love.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy
holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN #570 "We Gather Together"

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:25-34

RESPONSIVE READING

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for
you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is
no water.

**I HAVE SEEN YOU IN THE SANCTUARY AND BEHELD
YOUR POWER AND YOUR GLORY.**

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

**I WILL PRAISE YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE, AND IN
YOUR NAME I WILL LIFT UP MY HANDS.**

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing
lips my mouth will praise you.

**ON MY BED I REMEMBER YOU; I THINK OF YOU
THROUGH THE WATCHES OF THE NIGHT.**

Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

**MY SOUL CLINGS TO YOU; YOUR RIGHT HAND
UPHOLDS ME.**

They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the
depths of the earth.

**THEY WILL BE GIVEN OVER TO THE SWORD AND
BECOME FOOD FOR JACKALS. BUT THE KING WILL
REJOICE IN GOD; ALL WHO SWEAR BY GOD'S NAME
WILL PRAISE HIM, WHILE THE MOUTHS OF LIARS
WILL BE SILENCED.**

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AFFIRMATION

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord: who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from then he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS SERMON

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Lord, for our sins against faith, against hope,
against love. Forgive our sins against faith, for we have
sometimes doubted your presence, we have sometimes been
reluctant to accept your grace, we have sometimes hesitated
to admit our convictions. Forgive our sins against hope, for
we have sometimes been shortsighted in our goals, we have
forgotten how long the world waited for Jesus, we have
sometimes given up on ourselves and others. Forgive our sins
against love, for we have not always loved you with heart
and soul, we have not always loved others as ourselves, we
have not fully followed the example of the God who loved so
much that he gave all. Forgive us for these, our failures, and
fill us again with faith, with hope, and with love. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

HYMN #130 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

SERMON

HYMN #398 "In the Garden"

BENEDICTION

March 10th - Ecumenical Lenten Service

Countryside at 7:00

FOOD OF THE MONTH - Canned Fruit

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Gance's Catering will be at Center Lisle on Friday, March 18th from 3 to 7 pm.

Dinners: Fried Haddock, Pork BBQ or NYS Strip Steak

Served with one side and hand cut fries - \$12

Sandwiches: Pork BBQ or Fried Haddock - \$7

Fries - \$3