

West Barre  
United Methodist Church



March 12, 2023

Sunday Worship

West Barre United Methodist Church  
Third Sunday of Lent  
March 12, 2023

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn                    “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”                    UMH #361**

**Bringing in the Light** (acolytes)

**\*Call To Worship** - William Barclay

Leader: O Lord, defend us from our temptations, That in Your power we may ever choose the right and refuse the wrong.

**People: That we may ever overcome all evil and do what is right.**

Leader: Defend us from ourselves

**People: That in Your power, our weaknesses may not bring us to shame, that our lower nature may never seize the upper hand.**

Leader: Defend us from all that would seduce us into sin,

**People: That in Your power no tempting voice may make us listen, No tempting sight may fascinate our eyes, no deception may lead us astray.**

**\*Unison Prayer**

Almighty God, look upon the present earthly desires of thy humble servants, and the sins that so easily beset us,

**and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defense against all our enemies. Guide us, direct us, and keep us: through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson** Romans 3:21-24, I John 1:5-10

Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Children Dismissed to their Classes**

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the  
worshiping throng, Water, God's Word, bread and cup  
prayer and song: this is where children belong

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**UMH #895**

**\* Hymn**

**"Grace Greater than Our Sin"**

**UMH #365**

**Choir Anthem**

**\*The Apostles Creed**

**UMH #881**

**Morning Meditation:**

**"The Nature of Man"**

**\*Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**

**UMH #269**

**Sharing God's Light with the World (acolytes)**

**Benediction:**

Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make  
you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with  
rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time, now  
and forever. Amen

## **\*Sending Forth**

Disperse in Mission

\*Note for visitors: **Bold text is spoken in unison**, \*congregation standing as able. Please sign our visitor log before you leave, we'd love to be in touch with you!

To access our website, type: [westbarreumc.org](http://westbarreumc.org)

We are also on Facebook, type: West Barre UMC

To contact Pastor Jim Heiler: 716-523-7542 or  
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Pastor Jim keeps regular office hours on Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 9am to 5pm, unless he steps out for visitation, meetings, or appointments. In that case, he will leave a note on the church office door advising when he will return. Please call if you have an emergency 24/7. You matter to Jesus. You matter to me.

***Go! And make disciples for the transformation of the world.***



## Assisting in Worship

	Today 3/5	Next Sunday 3/12
Preaching:	Rev. James Heiler	Rev. James Heiler
Greeters:		
Ushers:		
Liturgist:	Jim Peglow	Jim Peglow
Organist:	Naomi Caldwell	Naomi Caldwell
Choir Director:	Hugh Dudley	Hugh Dudley
Altar Flowers:	Dan & Lee Preston	

## Announcements:

Monday (13 <sup>th</sup> ):	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
	6:30 Trustees
Wednesday (15 <sup>th</sup> ):	6:30 pm Worship Committee

## Looking ahead:

March 19 <sup>th</sup> :	12:30 pm Bowling
March (20 <sup>th</sup> ):	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

**Next week's Scripture:** Ephesians 5:25-33

## Monthly Mission:



February 19, 2023		\$ 623.00
Giving to Date:		\$13,415.00
Included:		
Soup Kitchen	\$3.00	\$ 1,498.00

February 26, 2023		\$ 768.00
Giving to Date:		\$14,183.00
Included:		
Soup Kitchen	\$78.00	\$ 1,576.00

March 5, 2023		\$ 1,500.00
Giving to Date:		\$15,683.00
Included:		
UMCOR	\$65.00	\$ 65.00

## 12~Brantley Barnard



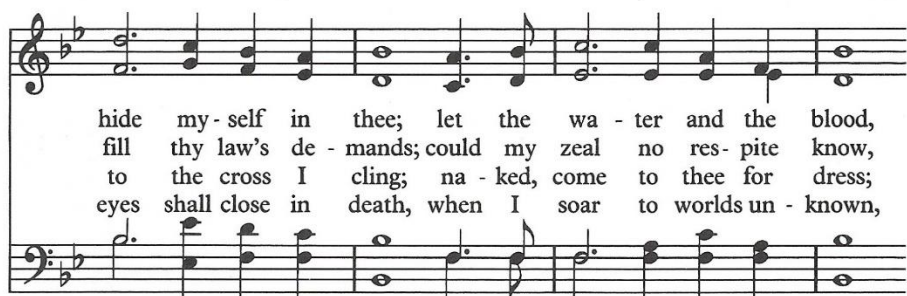
*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)*

*God is light*  
*In Him there is no darkness at all*  
*1 John 1:5*

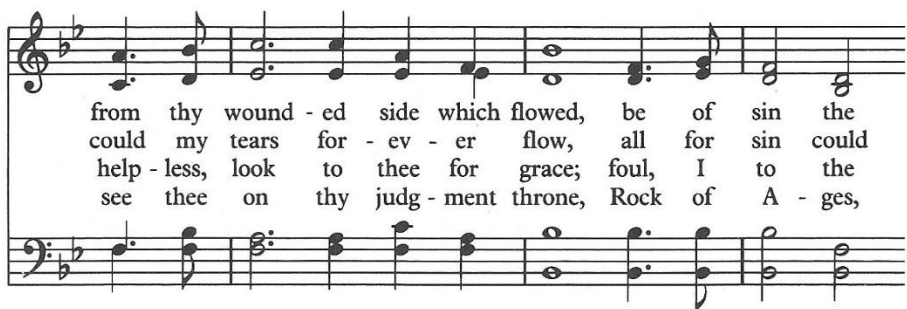
## 361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



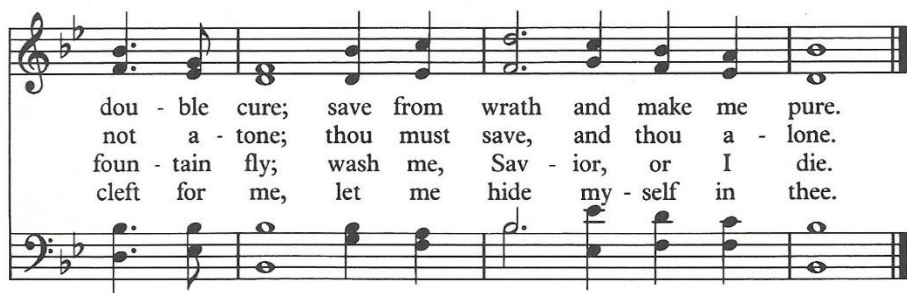
1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful -  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine



hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,  
 fill thy law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,  
 to the cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;  
 eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,



from thy wound - ed side which flowed, be of sin the  
 could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could  
 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the  
 see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure; save from wrath and make me pure.  
 not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

## Grace Greater than Our Sin

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord,  
 2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea waves cold,  
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide.  
 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,

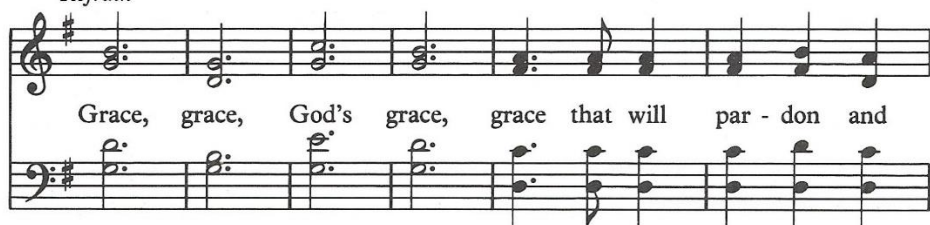
grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt!  
 threat - en the soul with in - fi - nite loss;  
 What can a - vail to wash it a - way?  
 free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!

Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,  
 grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,  
 Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide,  
 You that are long - ing to see his face,

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.  
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross.  
 bright - er than snow you may be to - day.  
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?



*Refrain*



## For Guidance

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O God,  
just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face,  
so let us look to you  
in order to understand the things that we have done amiss.  
We are like a reed shaken in the wind;  
we are inexpressibly weak.  
Leave us not to ourselves,  
but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions. **Amen.**

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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 thence 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.

# Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 269

1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days for  
 2. As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and  
 3. As thou didst hun - ger bear, and thirst, so  
 4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and  
 5. A - bide with us, that so, this life of

us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to  
 didst the vic - tory win, O give us strength in  
 teach us, gra - cious Lord, to die to self, and  
 through thy pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more in  
 suf - fer - ing o - ver past, an Eas - ter of un -

mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.  
 thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
 chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
 life and death, Je - sus, with us a - bide.  
 end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

WORDS: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13)

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harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

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