

\* Blessing for the Unhurried Life

\* Response to Blessing

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*, vs. 3

FWS#2128

♪ **In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,**

♪ **Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:**

♪ **There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,**

♪ **in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

Postlude

*God's Time is Best*

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### Calendar Notes

#### Sunday, March 9

9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Choir Practice

#### Monday, March 10

8:30-11:30 Office Hours

6:30pm Finance Committee

#### Tuesday, March 11

1pm-4pm Pastor Janet's Office Hours

#### Wednesday, March 12

10am – Friendship Café

11:15am – Lent Study Class: *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects*

4:30 pm Missions Team

#### Thursday, March 13

8:30-11:30 Office Hours

9am-12pm Pastor Janet's Office Hours

6pm – Soup Supper followed by Lent

Study Class: *Lent in Plain Sight: A*

*Devotion through Ten Objects*

#### Sunday, March 16

9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship Hour

10:30am Choir Practice



# Shelburne United Methodist Church

Loving God Through Worship, Study & Service

Sunday, March 9th, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent



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### TAKING A BREATHER

*As we gather together, we will use the first part of our service to slow down, to settle our souls so that we might reconnect with an “unhurried God.”*

Gather *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Eun Hee Park, Organ; Jan Van Mynen, Piano

Slow it Down *Come Find the Quiet Center, vs. 1* FWS#2128

♪ **Come and find the quiet center in the crowded lives we lead,**  
♪ **Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:**  
♪ **Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see**  
♪ **All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

Catching Our Breath

Prayer for Clearing Out

L: Spacious God, we come today hoping for tools to sweep away the stress.

**P: Let us *make* room for You.**

L: Nudge us in this time of worship to seek the things that really matter.

**P: Let us *find* room for You.**

L: Help us to claim our own selves as a holy sanctuary where you dwell.

**P: Let us *be* room for You.**

L: In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.

**P: Amen.**

\* Opening Song *Lord of All Hopefulness* FWS#2197

\* Peace

### TAKING NOTE

*The second part of our service invites us to take note of what God is saying to us this day, through scripture, music, and sermon.*

Hanging Out with Young Christians

Reconnecting *Matthew 11:28-30*

\*Stand as you are able.

Focusing on the Main Thing

From the Playlist

*Remember Me*

Choir Anthem

### TAKING CARE

*The third part of our service is our response to having listened for God’s word. We “take care” to focus through prayer, offering and communion on what’s really important, really essential, to lives lived with depth.*

Time Away in the Prayer Chair

*Come and Find the Quiet Center, vs 2* FWS#2128

♪ **Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,**  
♪ **God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,**  
♪ **Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,**  
♪ **Raising courage when we’re shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

\* Doxology (Tune: Old 100th)

**For time to savor God’s good gifts**  
**For space to breathe and hearts to lift**  
**For ways to reach out and to give**  
**We offer thanks and vow to live!**

### TAKING IT OUT

*The final movement of our service is a time of committing to take a bit of this serenity and peace out into the busy world. We are reminded to “keep the main thing the main thing.”*

Invitation to Lenten Practices

\* Closing Song *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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