

March 12, 2023
The Third Sunday in Lent

(+) *please stand if you are able*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+HYMN

I Will Call Upon the Lord

FWS 2002

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
By Word and water, God renews us this day in the living fountain of God’s grace,
and raises us with Christ Jesus to live a new life in the Spirit.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survived the flood, Hagar discovered your well. The Israelites escaped through the sea, and they drank from your gushing rock. Naaman washed his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams. Honor to you for clouds and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us; our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Guide us in our wilderness wandering. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

+PASSING THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HYMN

You Who Are Thirsty

FWS 2132

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

W&S 3071

WORD

PSALM

Psalm 95 (responsively)

UMH 814

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods,
in whose hands are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.
The sea belongs to God who made it, and the dry land, because God formed it.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For the Lord is our God,
we are the people of God’s pasture, the sheep of God’s hand.
Hear the voice of the Lord today! Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
**For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who err in heart,
and they do not regard my ways.”**
Therefore I swore in my anger that they should not enter my rest.

READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Sharon Adame

READING

John 4:5-42

SERMON

We Are Thirsty

Rev. Jorge Rodriguez Vasquez

RESPONSE

+HYMN

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH 344

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Protector God, we hear your voice beckoning us to be your hands and your feet in the world. Show us a way through the wilderness of life, with knapsacks filled with blessings and vessels of living water for a hurting world. Receive these offerings, that they may be for others the blessings we have received from your hand. Amen.

SARA LAMBERT (AWA)

SENDING

+HYMN Cast Out, O Christ W&S 3072

+BENEDICTION

+DISMISSAL
Go in peace to serve God and neighbor in all you do. **Thanks be to God. We seek Christ’s path.**

+POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 19th Congregational Conversations after worship service

You’re invited to stay after worship on March 19th for pizza and the first of what we hope will be several congregational conversations as we seek to discern where Christ is calling us as a church. In the Fall, we spent some time talking in worship about the story of this congregation, and this meeting will pick up on those conversations. We’re thinking about questions like: Who are we as a congregation? Where have we been? Where are we now? Where is Christ calling us to go? To guide this process, we’re using insights from Susan Beaumont’s *How to Lead When You Don’t Know Where You’re Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*.

April 17-June 14, Monday & Wednesday nights, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. ESL Volunteer Teachers

It is still our hope to host a class for adults learning English as a new language, beginning in April. Classes are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:00 pm, April 17—June 14, with in-person registration on Monday, April 10th at 6:30 pm.. Cost to students is \$20 for the course book. In order to make this outreach ministry happen, we need your help. We’re looking for volunteer teachers. You don’t need to know any language other than English, and you don’t need to have prior teaching experience. We’ll be using a solid curriculum from Intercambio. What you do need is to be patient, enthusiastic, dedicated, friendly, and encouraging, with a desire to learn. I hope you’ll join me in the exciting new ministry opportunity!

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