



March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak
❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE....."Go Down, Moses"
Spiritual Arr. Calvin Taylor

WELCOME

PIANO INTROIT....."As the Deer"
Martin Nystrom Arr. Ellen Banks Elwell

❖**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 42:1-2)*
As a deer longs for flowing streams
so our souls long for you, O God.
Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the
face of God

❖**HYMN** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" **#65**
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❖**CALL TO CONFESSION**

❖**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Gracious God, as we wander through
the wilderness this Lent, we are more
aware of our thirst for your presence,
your love, your guidance on life's
journey. Forgive us for turning away
from you. Forgive our doubt and

uncertainty that led us to place our
faith in worldly comforts that don't
run deep enough and don't last. We
come to your well today desperate
and thirsty for Christ's living water.
(a time for silent confession) **Quench our**
thirst, we pray. Grant us your
forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

❖**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖**AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**
The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, fountain of every
blessing, open us to your life-giving
Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit
so that living water may flow through
our hearts — a spring of hope for a
thirsty world. Amen.

SCRIPTUREExodus 17:1-7, pg. 101
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" .. **#469**
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SCRIPTURE John 4:5-42, p. 1514
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖**HYMN** "Ho, All Who Thirst" **#479**
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❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Apostles' Creed)*

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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into
hell; the third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the
holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Using Debts and Debtors)*

OFFERING OUR RESOURCES & OUR ENERGY

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND SERVE

Check the Monday email for details about many upcoming opportunities to connect and serve, including:

- The Time of Lent is a journey toward the joy of Easter. As we begin this journey, here are some ways you might find nourishment along the way:
 - **Daily devotional:**
<https://d365.org> offers a daily online devotional for youth and adults.
 - **Weekly prayer:** the Heritage prayer group meets on Zoom each Thursday at 1:00 for a time of reconnection.
 - **Weekly learning:** We began March 1 and will run through April 5, Pastor Sara will host a Lenten lunch series based on the book, *Meeting Jesus at the Table*. Bring a lunch and come to the church or join online.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

❖ **HYMN** "Take, O Take Me as I Am" sing 3x thru .. **#698**
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❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Awesome God"
Richard Mullins Arr. Ellen Banks Elwell

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Christ at the Well by Peter Winfried (Canisius) Koenig

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