

SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORDS DAY MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*This * denotes for you to please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Oh, Worship the King”

R. Grant/C. Schalk

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

S. von Birken/G. G. Bolze
/arr. R. J. Powell

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please stand)*

Leader: : O come, let us worship and bow down.

People: **Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.

People: **In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***OPENING HYMN #687** *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*
(please be seated)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

(moment of silence for private confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead – now Christ has become our life and salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

And all the people say:

All: Thanks be to God!

(Please stand)

***GLORIA PATRI** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

*PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) *"Blest Are They"*

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

(please be seated)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Old Testament)

Exodus 17:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (New Testament)

John 4:5-42

SERMON

"What Will Jesus Do With What He Knows?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

(Please stand)

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living 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. *(Please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying...Wellspring of mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Saving God, you are the giver of living water, the source of deepest compassion, the fountain of eternal life. Therefore we pray to you...Wellspring of mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are thirsty – thirsty for a life of meaning, thirsty for a world of grace, thirsty for a drink of water...Wellspring of mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are weary – weary from life's long journey, weary from quarreling and testing, weary from pain or grief...Well spring of mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are broken – broken by sin and suffering, broken by hard disappointment, broken by acts of violence...Wellspring of mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Living God, through your Spirit, pour your love into our hearts, your grace into our lives, your healing into our world, until the earth is filled with your glory as the waters cover the sea; and instruct us in the way we should go, let your steadfast love surround us always, and hear us as we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #435** *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

J. Hughes/R. C. Schultz

Participants in worship:

Guest Pastor Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

Liturgist/Cantor – Kurt Thomas

Guest Pianist/Organist – Phyllis Beck

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Class of 2024
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Lynne Schapeler

Class of 2025
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