



## Sunday Worship

March 12, 2023

*Draw near to God  
for God is waiting for you.*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

**PRELUDE** How Great Thou Art

Hobby

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.*

**We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.**

*Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.*

**We will listen for God's word and live in the hope it inspires.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #479** Ho, All Who Thirst

*Refrain:* Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water, and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!  
Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water, and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!

1. Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water, choosing broken cups that cannot be filled? *Refrain*
2. For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us to the well-springs of the water of life. *Refrain*
3. All who come may take this gift of living water. Thy will thirst no more, for they shall be filled. *Refrain*

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

*...Remember the good news and say it aloud:* **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

**\*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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Exodus 17:1-7

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN #626** As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 4:5-42

**SERMON** The Thirst Quencher

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP  
OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.**

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

**\*HYMN #182** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Through Faith the Victory

Peterson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS March 12, 2023.**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Alice Gilbert. Lived around the corner in Forest Grove and always walked to church with her Bible in her arm.**

**We welcome Sue Lewis today as our substitute organist.** – We also appreciate her as our Bell Choir Director.

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** During the remainder of the Lenten season we will provide the opportunity for donations for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). These can be made on a weekly basis either by mailing donations, or by placing them in the large glass container in the sanctuary. Fish banks will be given to the children and are available for anyone else who would like to use them. The final offering will be received on Easter Sunday.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering taken each year at this time. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, the work made possible by OGHS provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

**Thursday Night Bible Study:** Thursday evenings we will explore scripture on Zoom from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. We will be discussing the meaning of the cross, the central symbol of the Christian faith.

**Food Pantry Needs:** **This week we are asking for the following items: Pasta Sauces, Stews or Chunky Soups.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

**Singers wanted for Easter morning service:** Join us today following service for approximately 20 minutes. All singers welcome!

**Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel to Return:** Many appreciated hearing Rev. Steinnagel preach on February 26<sup>th</sup> when she shared some of the work she does at The Welcome Church in Philadelphia. She will return for Wednesday lunch on March 22. All are welcome to bring their own lunch and hear more about her ministry and hear inspiring stories. At that time we will be giving her the items donated for one of the women currently living in the shelter at The Welcome Church who is moving into a permanent home.

<b><u>Calendar:</u></b>	<b>March 12</b>	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	Worship Service - followed by Coffee Hour, Fellowship and Sunday school
	<b>March 13</b>	5:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
	<b>March 14</b>	9:00 am	Garden Club
		6:00pm	Beekeepers
	<b>March 15</b>	9:00 am	Worship and Music meeting
		11:30 am	Lenten Communion Service
		12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for fellowship.
	<b>March 16</b>	6:00 pm	Beekeepers
		7:00 pm	Bible Study on Zoom
	<b>March 18</b>	8:00 am	Beekeepers training.

**Elder of the month:** Terry Holton    **Deacon of the month:** Louise Stemplewicz  
**Sunday School Teacher:** Karen Myers    **Coffee Hour:** Marilyn Cook  
**Ushers:** Pat Pizza and Bill Wark

*In our thoughts and prayers:*

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Ray Curran, Alvin Cornell,  
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Bill Yerkes, David Posnett, Mary Lou Humlhanz

**Church Staff**

**Susan Fall, Pastor**

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