

Tithes and offerings...

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

✚ Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Prayer of Meditation

by Pamela C Hakins

O God, who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life; take my heart, every hardened edge and measured beat, and create something new in me. I need your newness, God, the rough parts of me made smooth; the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed; the unkind, forgiven. And then, by the power of your Spirit, I need to be turned toward Love again. Amen.

Greeting

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to offer grace? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine: we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God.

This is the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved, and forgiven. Amen.

✚ Hymn of Praise UMH 89

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(vss. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Parish Choir Warm-Up
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal – MS
4:00 p.m. Blankets

Tuesday, March 14

9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball – FLC

Wednesday, March 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast – FH

Thursday, March 16

9:30 a.m. Yoga – FLC
12:30 p.m. Community Assistance – Narthex

Saturday, March 18

1:00 p.m. Pickleball – FLC

On March 15, 16, and 17, the church offices will close at 2:30 p.m.

FLC – Family Life Center
FH – Fellowship Hall
MS – Music Suite
TR – Trinity Classroom

Pastoral Prayer

Wellspring of mercy,
hear our prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Celebration of Young Disciples

Children ages 3 through 1st grade may join Mrs. Tori in the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.

Scripture Lesson

John 4:5-26 CEB

⁵He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.” ⁸His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food. ⁹The Samaritan woman asked, “Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (Jews and Samaritans didn’t associate with each other.) ¹⁰Jesus responded, “If you recognized God’s gift and who is saying to you, ‘Give me some water to drink,’ you would be asking him and he would give you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you don’t have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹²You aren’t greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, get your husband, and come back here.” ¹⁷The woman replied, “I don’t have a husband.” “You are right to say, ‘I don’t have a husband,’” Jesus answered. ¹⁸“You’ve had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn’t your husband. You’ve spoken the truth.” ¹⁹The woman said, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You and your people worship what you don’t know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. ²⁴God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach

everything to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I Am—the one who speaks with you.”

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

✠ Doxology

OLD 100th

*Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

✠ Hymn TFWS 2071

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

*Jesus, Name Above All Names
(Repeat 2 times)
Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior,
Glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word. Word.*

✠ Scripture Lesson

John 4:27-42 CEB

²⁷Just then, Jesus’ disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who has told me everything I’ve done! Could this man be the Christ?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus. ³¹In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³²Jesus said to them, “I have food to eat that you don’t know about.” ³³The disciples asked each other, “Has someone brought him food?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. ³⁵Don’t you have a saying, ‘Four more months and then it’s time for harvest’? Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. ³⁶Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. ³⁷This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. ³⁸I have sent you to harvest what you didn’t work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work.” ³⁹Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s word when she testified, “He told me everything I’ve ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹Many more believed because of his word, ⁴²and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world.”

Anthem

Wade in the Water
Children’s Choir

Sermon

✠ Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

✠ Hymn WS 3093

Fill My Cup, Lord
(vss. 1, 2, 3)

FILL MY CUP

*¹Like the woman at the well
I was seeking for things that could not satisfy;
and then I heard my Savior speaking:
“Draw from my well that never shall run dry.”*

*²There are millions in this world who are craving
the pleasure earthly things afford;
but none can match the wondrous treasure
that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.*

*³So, my neighbor, if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won’t pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you,
If you kneel to him and humbly pray:*

(refrain)
*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me ‘til I want no more—
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude