

Sunday March 15th, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 95)

One: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

**All: Worship the Holy One with joy and thanksgiving.**

One: Let us sing to our God.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

One: For we are the sheep of God's pasture.

**All: We are the lambs of God's flock.**

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The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 242 "Let All Things Now Living"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

**Loving God and living water, flow through our hearts this day. Meet us in our desert wanderings and quench our thirst, that we may have strength for the hard times ahead. Well up within us, and bathe us in the waters of eternal life, that the spirit within us may flow with faith and love, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Minute For Mission

Recognition of Officers and Volunteers

Hymn: VU 507 "Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples"

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Loving God, you are the Wellspring of our salvation. When we are parched from thirst and turn to the dry wells of worldly promise, restore us with the healing waters of your grace; \* when the course ahead is littered with wreckage and refuse from our past, wash away our sins and our sorrows, and carry us forward on the river of your mercy and your love. \* Shower us with your living water, and refresh our souls, that we may be washed clean in the river of your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

*Time of Reflection*

Words of Assurance

One: Our hope and assurance rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness.

**All: In this love and forgiveness, we encounter the living God. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 95: 1-7a

Gospel Reading: John 4: 5-26

Anthem: MercyMe – “*Even If*”

Message: Ed's Story – part one

Hymn: VU 626 “I Heard The Voice Of Jesus”

The Offering

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures high and low,  
Give thanks to God in love made known,  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

Prayers of the People by our moderator, the Right Rev. Richard Bott

Hymn: VU 416 “Forth In Your Name, O Christ”

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;  
God will go with you each hour of every day;  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe;  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above!  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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