



A Service for the Worship of God

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Jim Pera

***Call to Worship**

Pat Bethel

*One: We come, our souls thirsting for God,
our spirits longing for love.*

**All: Come to the One who supplies every need—
who gives us living water.**

*One: We come, with prayers of joy
and with words too painful to speak.*

**All: We come to the One who listens to our hearts
and knows us better than we know ourselves.**

*One: We come with our brokenness and loss—
with our hopes to be made whole.*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts and minds,
and grant us your peace. Amen.**

***Hymn # 81** “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

***Prayer of Confession**

Caring and compassionate Creator, we know that you hear us when we speak cruel or bitter words; you see the hurts we cause to those we claim to love; you bear the pain we can inflict on those around us. We are grateful that you don't turn your back on us but meet us where we are and help us to change our ways. In your mercy, God, enlarge our capacity for gratitude, compassion and unselfish love. Give us eyes to see Christ in our neighbor and hearts that are merciful and kind. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

*One: The mercy of God is not diminished
by the wavering strength of our faith.*

**All: The mercy of God is poured upon us,
that all may know the boundless love of God.**

*One: Friends, accept and rejoice in the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, welcomed home,
and offered the gift of new life.*

All: Thanks be to God!

Response

Hymn #71. Refrain only

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold
and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.**

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Laura Nile

Scripture Reading John 4:5-15

Anthem "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick*

Children's Time

Scripture Reading John 4: 16-29, 39-42

Sermon **"Living Water"** *Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn # 182** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Presentation of Offerings

***Presentation Hymn # 607** *Inclusive Version of the Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People 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 # 440** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



***The roses on the communion table** are in honor of the birth of Adaline ReVell Eggers, great granddaughter of Bob and Dottie Eggers and the birth of Vera Scott, great-granddaughter of Joanne and Glenn Harvey.*