A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 12 2023

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Bruyeres

C. Debussy

Tina Christie, flute

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

When Morning Guilds the Skies

The Call To Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
making a joyful noise to God!

In God's hands are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains.

The sea belongs to God, who made it,
and the dry land which by God's hand was formed.

Let us bow down before God, our Maker!

Prayer of Adoration

God of wonders and miracles, we praise you for the bounty of the earth and the bounty of your
goodness toward us. To thirsty people, you offer springs of the waters of life. To those who are
hungry, you provide the bread of life. When we are lost, you set before us paths of righteousness
that lead us home. Receive our thanksgiving for all your mighty acts in creation, in history, and in
our own lives. You are worthy of all praise and honor, O God of Majesty! Amen.

*The Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne,
while all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are fickle in our faithfulness to you. We trust you, then turn away.
We receive manifold blessings from your hand, then complain about what we do not have. You offer
us grace; we put you to the test. All around us is abundant life, but we live by the rule of scarcity.
Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our calculating hearts, our impatience, our fears that cause us to
doubt you. Expand our capacity for gratitude; increase our practice of generosity. Help us to be
your grateful people as we journey toward your promises, which flow, even now, like milk and
honey.
Silent prayer

*Assurance of Pardon

Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Out of God’s great goodness, we have been given a Savior, Jesus Christ, who forgives our sins and restores us to life. Thanks be to God!

*The 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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ’s peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

A Moment for Congregational Survey

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD . . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 95

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

The Anthem

Living Water of Life

David Lantz

Tina Christie, flute

Are you thirsty for the Master, for the God of all creation?
Come through Jesus to the Father, through the life sustaining vine.

Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life; drink deeply.

Like the waters of the Jordan, He will nourish and sustain us.
Come through Jesus to the Father, Drink the life of love divine.

Like the woman at the well, we are human and with sin.
Come through Jesus to the Father, feel His quenching deep within.

Drink deeply from the living water of life; drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life; drink deeply.
Come through Jesus to the Father. Taste the water of all life.

The Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing they grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, Mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’m come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let the grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God, I love; here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Is the Lord Among Us or Not?

Kim Clayton
*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Tithes and Offerings Presented

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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

GOING FORTH AND SERVING IN GOD’S NAME . . .

*The Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.
Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Mazurka Op. 7/1

F. Chopin, arr. Emil Prill

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Rev. Kim Clayton
Liturgists: Elizabeth Smith, Jen Rowe
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk