

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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*Third Sunday
in Lent*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Horn

A MESSAGE FROM THE GIDEONS Mark Seay

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: The way is long, and we are thirsty.

People: We seek the living waters of Jesus.

Leader: We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

People: We need the living waters of Jesus.

Leader: We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, *here and now*.

People: As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.

Leader: People on the way, come let us worship God!

People: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

***HYMN**

UMH #127

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, The Great I AM, you are living water. As we worship you this day, show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, by the presence of your Holy Spirit, bless this proclamation of your Word that we may receive the gift of your grace and share it with those who we will meet on this Lenten journey. Speak to us, Lord. Your servants are listening. Amen.

***OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

OT #61

Exodus 17:1-17

SERMON

Rev. Meegian Gossard
"I'm Thirsty"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***PSALTER READING**

UMH #814

Psalm 95

PRAYER

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 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choir

"Go Forth into the World in Peace"

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

UMH #731

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

***BENEDICTION**

***AMEN RESPONSE**

"Let the Church Say Amen"

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Passing of the Peace immediately follows Children's Moment while children are returning to their seats. Please remain in your row and quietly "Pass the Peace of Christ" with your neighbors.

Lilies represent "rebirth and hope" just as the resurrection does in our Christian faith. If you would like to order a lily to place in the sanctuary for Easter morning in honor of or in memory of a family member or friend, please complete the order form and place in the offering plate. The deadline for ordering is March 23.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 15

10:30 Pastor's Bible Study - Crossroads Classroom

5:45 Choir Practice - Choir Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9am
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the parlor in the Education Building.

Children's SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the nursery in the Education building.

HEARING DEVICES

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will lift them up for prayer during worship.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00

Received for General Budget on 03/05/23 = \$1,652.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$29,215.00

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.