



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 20, 2022

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren't sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the 'gallery' and 'active speaker' modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

All you who are thirsty:

come drink from the waters of life.

All you who are weary:

come bathe, be refreshed by rivers in the desert.

All you who long for peace:

come rest in the stillness of God's love.

SONG* - Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit;
holy Communion, Three-in-One.
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holy Communion, Three-in-One.

Come with your peace, with your invitation,
bind us together in holy love.
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SONG* - Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry,
come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's face.

Come, then, children with your burdens,
life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them,
he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.

In the pastures of God's goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.

SONG OF CONFESSION - Ukrainian Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG - Your Love Is Washing Over Me

Your love is washing over me,
your love is washing over me.
Your love is washing over me,
and I won't be frightened any more.

2. Your grace is washing over me...
3. Your joy is washing over me...
4. Your hope is washing over me...

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 55:1-13

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

GOSPEL LESSON* - Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON - *Coming Home* - Pastor Aaron

RESPONSE

SONG* - Come to the Water

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord;
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:

without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

DOXOLOGY*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then proceed to the front side aisles to partake of the cup which is in individual portions. Place your empty cups in one of the baskets that can be found on the end-seats in the front or back rows of the side aisles.

SENDING

SONG* - All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty,
all who are weak,
come to the fountain,
dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away
in the waves of his mercy
as deep cries out to deep, we sing:

Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.

CHARGE/BENEDICTION*