



RIVERS IN THE DESERT

LENT 2022

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

3 April 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of our world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy
to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ:
we worship him and rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us!

Let us rejoice!

SONG* – *Come, Let Us Worship God*

SONG* – *In Feast or Fallow*

When the fields are dry and the winter is long,
blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor.
When my soul is downcast, and my voice has no song,
for mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord.

Chorus:

In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,
my certain hope is in Jesus found.
My lot, my cup, my portion sure,
whatever comes, we shall endure.
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On a cross of wood, his blood was outpoured,
he rose from the ground, like a bird to the sky,
bringing peace to our violence,
and crushing death's door,
our Maker incarnate, our God who provides.

When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes,
not a sparrow falls, nor a hair from my head
without God's hand to guide me,
my shield and my strength,
in joy or in sorrow, in life or in death.

SONG OF CONFESSION – *Perdon, Señor*

Refrain:

Perdon, Señor.

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For all the world's injustice.

Perdon, Señor.

For all of our indifference.

Perdon, Señor.

We're shackled by our habits.

Perdon, Señor.

We're chained to disobedience.

Perdon, Señor.

As we forgive each other.

Perdon, Señor.

According to your promise.

Perdon, Señor.

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* – *Beautiful Things* (see insert)

Beautiful Things

All this pain,
I wonder if I'll ever find my way?
I wonder if my life could really change at all?

All this earth,
could all the is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

Refrain:

You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us.

All around,
hope is springing up from this old ground,
out of chaos life is being found in you.

Bridge:

You make me new,
you are making me new.
You make me new,
you are making me new.

WORD

EPISTLE LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

PSALTER

Psalm 126 (#849)

GOSPEL LESSON*

John 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON- *Rivers in the Desert*

Pastor Aaron

RESPONSE

SONG* – *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (#433)

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts, debtors*)

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 rows of the side aisles.

SENDING

SENDING SONG* – *Fill Us with Your Feast*

Weary and tempted we enter the desert,
desp'rately seeking your face—
lives that are thirsty and hearts that are lonely,
we will seek your embrace.

Refrain:

Find us empty and wandering:
we, the lost and the least.
Find us in the wilderness
then fill us with your feast.

Deep in our darkness you enter the stillness,
offering comfort so bright.
Gathered together within your safe shelter,
darkness welcomes the light.

Seeking and trusting,
we turn from destruction,
wondering what you will bring.
God of the present, the past, and the future,
come and do a new thing.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

*Stand, as you are able



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COVENANT CHURCH**
For God's Glory and Neighbor's Good

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