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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 20th, 2022

***Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

THE LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

*May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. Amen.*

PRELUDE – "Siciliano"

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(John Sebastian Bach)
~Joanne Diplock

CALL to WORSHIP

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water of grace
which springs up from the rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Grant your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may learn to profess our faith with courage
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reader: *Carol Barrett*

Hebrew Scripture: **Isaiah 55: 1-9**

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 labour 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.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 63: 1-8

(VU#781)

You are my God, I long for you from early morning.
My whole being desires you like a dry, worn, waterless land.
My soul thirsts for you.

In the sanctuary let me see how mighty are your works;

**your constant love is better than life itself,
and so I will praise you.**

I will give thanks as long as I live;
I raise my hands in prayer.

**My soul will feast and be filled,
and I will sing and praise you.**

As I lie in bed, I remember you, O God;
I think of you all night long,
for you are my constant help.

**In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
I cling to you; your hand keeps me safe.**

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: **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 round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **"Water for Life"**

~Rev. Don Johnson (see attached sermon)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INTERLUDE – *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

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(John Bacchus Dykes)

~Joanne Diplock

PRAYERS

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, the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

A FINAL PRAYER FOR LENT

(Angela Ashwin)

**Lord, in these days of mercy,
make us quiet and prayerful;
in these days of challenge,
make us stronger in you;
in these days of emptiness,
take possession of us;
In these days of waiting,
open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE – "Be Thou My Vision"

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(Martha Meier)
~Joanne Diplock