

Offertory: "You Do Not Walk Alone" E. Hagenberg

***Doxology:** UMH# 94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** --*Discipleship Ministries*

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

***Hymn:** "We Are Singing" (vv: We are singing, dancing, praying) TFWS# 2235-a

Benediction:

One: We have encountered the living God through the love of Jesus the Christ.

Many: We have been refreshed by living water.

One: Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires.

Many: We are water bearers to a dry and parched world.

One: Go now to witness to all.

Many: We go now to witness to all. Amen!

Postlude: "Toccata in E Minor" J. Pachelbel

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Adeline & Anja Berke, Felix Everett

Altar Guild: Chad Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour this Month: Administrative Council Committee Members & Volunteers

Liturgist: Allison Berke

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Jacki Barden, Ginger Elliott, Deb Garth, David Jenney

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget's brother), Vonda B (Chad T's sister), Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth G), Dominick E, Courtney H (Sheila W's daughter), Blair J (Brenda L's grandson), John K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine's sister-in-law), Dorothy M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Lynn T, Mary (T) G (Nate T's sister & Camille's sister-in-law), Alison W, Andrew W (Phyllis T's nephew), our service men, women and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

"The tendency to turn human judgments into divine commands makes religion one of the most dangerous forces in the world." -- Georgia Harkness

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT TO WORSHIP

** Those who are able are invited to stand. * Items in bold are read in unison.*

We are invited to observe silence during the prelude. Please turn off cell phones.

If you have a prayer request, please write it on a "Prayer Card" found in the card rack, and place it in the offering plate.

All prayer requests will be lifted up during the Wednesday morning prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Prelude: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" M. Vulpius arr. C. Ore

Welcome and Announcements

(New visitors only please fill out the blue paper in the red folder. Others, please sign the white attendance sheets.)

Introit: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

***Call to Worship:** --Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts

One: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

Many: We are learning to follow Jesus.

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

Many: We seek the living waters of Jesus.

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

Many: We need the living waters of Jesus.

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

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

One: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

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

***Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH# 89

*Prayer of Confession:

God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:** --Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.'

The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful to those who come to God. Come, seek the loving presence, and be healed. **Amen.**

Special Music: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" W. Dawson

*Passing the Peace of Christ

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT'S WORD TO US

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

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.

Prayer Response

***Hymn:** "I've Just Come from the Fountain" TFWS# 2250

(Children 4-6 years old are invited to Bible Story Time downstairs. Chapel Kids for 7-12 year olds are invited to Grace Chapel. Parents are asked to escort their children and pick them up. Thank you.)

Scripture Reading: John 4: 5-15 (NRSV) N.T. p. 89

Response to the Word:

One: For the words of challenge, for the words of blessing, for the spirit of wisdom moving in our midst,

Many: We give God honor, thanks and praise. Amen!

Sermon: "Living Water" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: --Discipleship Ministries

We are called to live in hope and to share this hope with the world. Let us offer thanks to God for all God has given us by sharing generously of ourselves and of our resources. Through our gifts, may all experience the hope to be found in our life-giving God.