

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

**We believe in God, Rock of our salvation, who brings water from the wilderness and life from barren places. We believe in Jesus Christ, Living Water for the world, who meets us in our thirst, breaks down dividing walls, and offers grace deeper than our fear. We believe in the Holy Spirit, a spring of courage and compassion within us, calling us to share God's justice and joy. Even in dry seasons, God is present. Even in weary places, joy can rise. We trust the One who turns thirst into hope and strangers into beloved community. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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

#### \*DOXOLOGY 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.**

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*HYMN 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

#### \*CHARGE & BLESSING

#### \*SENDING HYMN 541

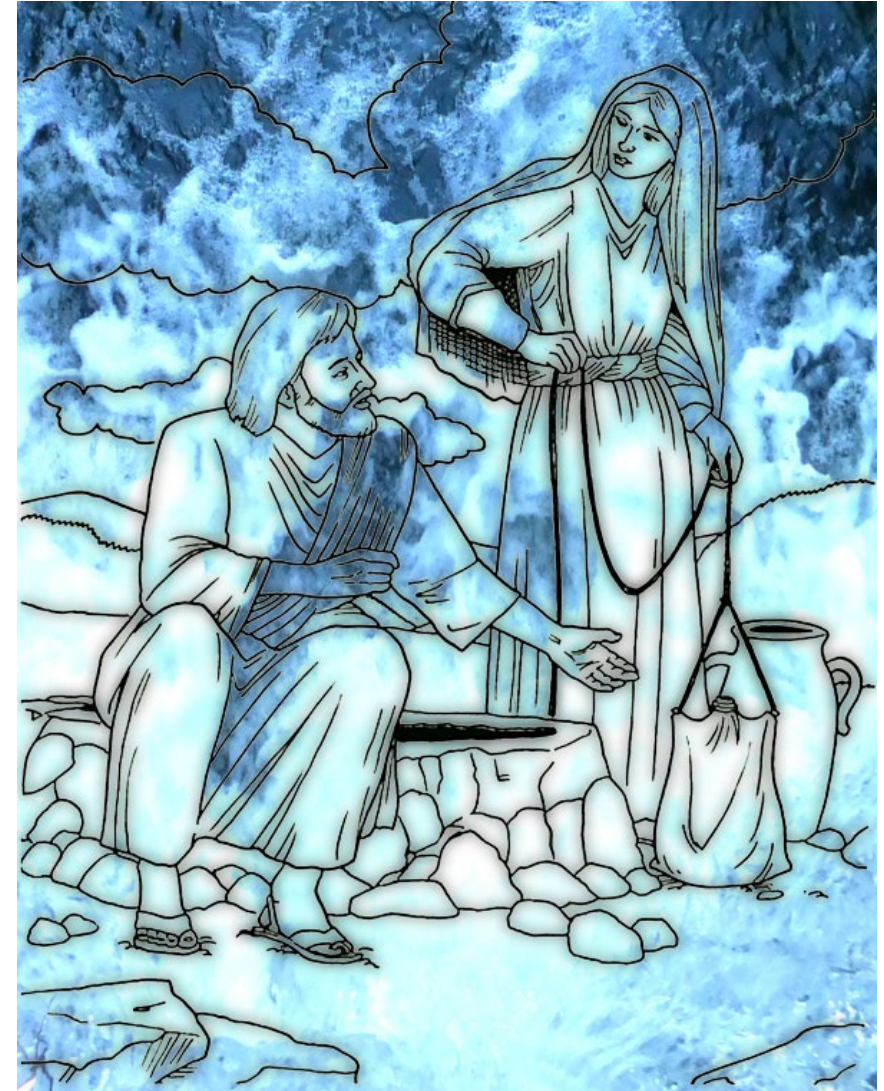
"God Be With You Until We Meet Again"  
**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

RANDOLPH

#### \*POSTLUDE

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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: PURPLE

11:00am Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*Better Than Life*

arr., Quintina Carter-Enyi

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness, when the people thirsted,  
God brought forth water from the rock.

**In the heat of the day, when a woman came to draw water,  
Christ offered her living water.**

When our spirits run dry,  
When our hope feels brittle as desert stone—

**God is still the Source.**

**Christ is still the Spring.**

Come, all who thirst.

Come, all who long for joy.

**Let us praise the Lord who turns deserts into fountains  
and strangers into beloved friends.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Faithful and life-giving God, we confess that we do not always trust your provision. In seasons of scarcity, we grumble. In seasons of abundance, we forget you. We cling to what cannot satisfy and turn away from the springs of justice and mercy you set before us. Like those in the wilderness, we doubt your presence among us. Like the woman at the well, we carry thirsts we are afraid to name. Forgive us, O Living Water. Break open the hard places in our hearts. Quench our fear with your mercy. Restore in us the deep well of joy that flows from knowing we are fully seen and fully loved. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who meets us at the well.**

*[Silent prayers of confession]*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

When we were yet thirsty, Christ came to us.

When we were yet wandering, God walked beside us.

**The water Christ gives becomes in us  
a spring gushing up to eternal life.**

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSE 423

"Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God"

SARADAY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God: create in me a clean O God,  
create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit with in me**

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 63) Exodus 17: 1-7

RESPONSIVE READING (see insert)

Psalms 95

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible pp. 971 – 972) John 4: 5-30, 39-42

PROCLAMATION

*Spring of Joy*

Rev. Teresa Franklin

\*HYMN 440

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

ABERYSTWYTH