

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE "Spanish Dance no. 2" Granados

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
Let all who thirst come to the waters;
let all who are hungry come and eat.
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit
God's love is poured into our hearts.
Let us worship God!

Ps. 103:8

Isa. 55:1

Rom 5:5

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isa. 55:1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE: GTG #579 "Lord, Have Mercy" KYRIE ELEISON

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Isa. 55:3

HYMN: GTG #440 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ABERYSTWYTH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Your kingdom come,
your will be done.

+ Those who are able may stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC "Thy Word" Grant / Smith,
Sanctuary Bells arr. Geschke

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

UKIRK CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE Neil Myer, Campus Minister

INVITATION TO OFFERING *Phil. 3:7-8*

OFFERTORY "Original Dances, no. 2" Schubert

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*
(England, 1647; language updated)

Q. Which is the Seventh Commandment?

A. **The Seventh Commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."**

Q. What is required in the Seventh Commandment?

A. **The Seventh Commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.**

Q. What is forbidden in the Seventh Commandment?

A. **The Seventh Commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-7 O.T. page 49

PSALM Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple)

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There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray;
they do not know my ways.'**
Indeed I swore in my anger,
"They shall never come to my rest."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 5:1-11 N.T. page 118

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-42 N.T. page 72

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

2 Cor. 5:18-19

All of this is from God,
who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Bill Pinches

"Where Do You Get That Living Water?"

+**HYMN:** GTG #438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" TOPLADY

+**BLESSING**

... and into the life that is to come. **Amen.** *Luke 4:1-2*

Thanks be to God.

+**CHARGE**

... God has entrusted to us. *2 Cor. 5:19*

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"La fille aux cheveux de lin" Debussy

**Join us for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Greg Lang

Greeters: Anita and Rick Cote

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by

Tammy and Steve Sowles

in memory of Spencer Sowles

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red)

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#26. Matthias:

After the apostles were scattered, legends say that Matthias preached in Ethiopia, or alternatively in Cappadocia and along the coast of the Caspian Sea.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 60. Aren't people without faith sometimes wiser than those who have faith?

Yes. The important question for the church is not so much where an insight may come from as the norm by which to test it. Truth is where one finds it, whether inside or outside the church, and whether supporting or contradicting one's own most cherished opinions. Our faithful discernment of what is true, however, depends finally on God's Word as conveyed in Holy Scripture. The church is therefore reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God.

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DAILY PRAYER

search for "Daily Prayer (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)" in your podcast app, or go to www.buzzsprout.com/1466482

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	<i>The Chosen</i> adult study	11:15 am
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Tuesday	<i>Jesus in Me</i> adult study	1:00 pm
	26+ Friends!	3:30 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:15 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Vern Schrock	Mar. 12	Steve Ware	Mar. 13
Deb Melse	Mar. 14	Bruce Archer	Mar. 15
Brenda Strayer	Mar. 18		

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Woman at the Well
Chapel at Frederiksborg Palace, Copenhagen, Denmark
by Carl Bloch, 19th century

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*