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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



**Third Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023
11:00 am Traditional Worship**

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Traditional Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Terri Boykin

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

When we hunger

We cry to the Lord, "Help us, O Lord."

When we thirst

We cry to the Lord, "Help us, O Lord."

God who created the heavens and the earth hears our cries.

Lord, come and quench our thirst and heal our hunger.

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

*Opening 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. 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. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

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. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace *(As forgiven, reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love).*

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 Roger Fulp

Psalter Psalm 95 UMH #814 Response no. 1 (Lent)

Open Altar, Open Heart *(As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor).*

Call to Prayer "You Who Are Thirsty"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Children's Celebration

"Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191 *(Sung as the children come forward)*

Anthem "Come Down, Lord"

*Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-15

Sermon "Come and See"

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Come to Me"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn W&S #3093 "Fill My Cup, Lord"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Room at the Cross" Terri Boykin

**Please stand as you are able.*