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2. SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023

Gathering

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Announcements:

Call to Worship: *All Who Are Thirsty*

8 All who are thirst - - y, and all who are weak, Come to the foun - tain.

14 Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sor - row be washed a -

19 way in the waves of His mer - cy as deep cries out to deep. We sing,

25 "Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus, come.

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**** Second Chorus is "Holy Spirit, Come" ****

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

For water to bathe in, water to drink,

For waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,

For water that gives life to our planet.

Response: From the waters, God has claimed us.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place

For clean water from our tap, for rain and snow,

For the Grand River, for Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario.

Response: From the waters, children of dust.

We give you thanks, O God, for your salvation through water:

Noah, his family, and the animals survive the flood.

The Israelites escape through the sea.

The Samaritan woman will never thirst again.

Response: From the waters, into life.

We give you thanks, O God,

for the thirst itself, the thirst that has us yearn for your living water.

Pour over us the living water of Jesus Christ, our Savior,

That each day, we may walk in your Life-Giving Spirit.

Response: From the waters, we are claimed into life.

Gathering Hymn: *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty ELW 777*

Prayer of the Day: -

O God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our hurts. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus and the word. Your spirit among us, Amen.

Word

First Reading: *Exodus 17:1-7*

Response: Word of God, Word of life, **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Restore in Us O God ELW 328 (Verses 1-3)*

Gospel: *John 4:5-42*

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response: The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: *Vicar Bethan*

Hymn of the Day: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery ELW 334 (V1-3 & Lent 3 Words)*

Prayers of Intercession:

Response to "Merciful God:" **Receive Our Prayer.**

Lord's Prayer: *p. 134*

Offertory Hymn: *Blessed be your Name*

- 1. Blessed be your name when I'm found, in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be your name.*
- 2. Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be your name.*

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your Glorious name.

Sharing of the Peace:

Learning in Lent: *Gestures and Movements*

Sending

Sending Blessing Song: *The Peace of The Earth*

The Peace of the Earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too.

The Peace of the Rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.

Deep Peace, falling over you. God's Peace Growing in you.

Dismissal:

Go in Peace, we learn from Christ.

Thanks be to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to Vicar Bethan's supervisors, Mary (Joy) Philip, Assistant Principal and MDiv Director and Rev. Anne Anderson, Internship Seminar Professor and Community Pastor, both at Martin Luther University College who are worshipping with us today.

Lenten Bible Study: Cancelled

Easter Choir: Practice today after the service

LENTEN OFFERINGS: Special Lenten offering envelopes are available at both entrances. Lenten offerings this year are designated to CLWR for earthquake relief.

LABYRINTH PRAYER WALK: Each Wednesday through Lent (2-3:30 and 6:30-8pm), a Labyrinth will be set up in the church basement for any and all to come and use for a meditative time of movement and prayer. A prayer and short explanation by Vicar Bethan will kick off each of these sessions and the remainder is time for quiet contemplation and individual meditation.

TODAY WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Luke Spletstoesser

Jackie

Marlene Sams and Ruby

David Neumann

Otto Philipp

Patty Davis

Scott Hagglund

Stephen Kovacs

Gladys Souliere

Florence Smith

Maya James

Eberhard Poelzl

Grace Mueller

Adam Brown