

Celebration of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Reflection

“This story (of the woman at the well) narrates the dramatic transformation of a woman. She begins the story as an outsider and becomes a witness; from her status as a beginner in faith, she becomes an apostle sent by Jesus himself to testify on his behalf. As such, she is a model for other women, for people who feel like nobodies, for newcomers to the faith, and for people with a past. Jesus encounters and welcomes many into the household of faith – even the least likely and maybe even you and me.”

Rev. Deborah Kapp

We Gather at God’s Invitation

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us* arr. Ijames

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 95:6; John 4:23*

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and in truth, let us worship God.

* *Please stand, if you are able*

+ *Found on the screen*

* PRAYER FOR A NEW DAY

*+ SONGS *Shine on Us* Praise Team

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

+ ANNOUNCEMENTS

God Speaks through the Word

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Children’s Anthem *I Wonder How It Felt* Gaither
Children’s Choir

Message

Prayer

(Children in PreK through 5th Grade are dismissed for Sunday School.)

+ OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Exodus 17:1-7* p. 56

+ NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *John 4:5-42* p. 864

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON *An Invitation to Life: A Water Jar Left at the Well*
Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

* HYMN *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* # 326

God Offers Grace and Forgiveness

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything that we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water so that we may never thirst again.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We Respond with Our Prayers, Gifts and Lives

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* # 316

* BENECTION

* POSTLUDE