

Third Sunday in Lent

9:30AM, March 8th, 2026

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Come, let us worship God!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Come, let us open our hearts!

We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!

*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **UMH # 400**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed **UMH # 881**

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Gracious and loving God, we come before You today with grateful hearts. You are the rock of our salvation and the shepherd who leads us beside still waters. You gather us as Your people and call us to follow You. Open our hearts to Your presence in this time of worship. Pour Your Spirit upon us, that we may hear Your voice, receive Your grace, and be renewed in Your love. Guide us on the path of new life, and help us to walk faithfully as Your people. We offer this worship to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Eternal God, from the beginning of time, you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have

turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. (Romans 5:5) In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and restored. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-15 (NRSV)

- 5** So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
- 6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.
- 7** A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."
- 8** (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)
- 9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)
- 10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
- 11** The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"
- 12** Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"
- 13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.
The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

MESSAGE “Are You Thirsty?” **Rev. Dongkue Jee**

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” **UMH # 369**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH # 895**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH # 95**

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Steadfast God of Hope, you have called us to rejoice—not in ease or achievement—but in the grace that sustains us through suffering, the love that meets us in struggle, and the hope that does not disappoint. You pour your Spirit into our hearts, shaping us into a people who give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. As we bring these gifts, may they testify to your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation you offer the world through Christ. Make us bold in our sharing, joyful in our worship, and confident in your grace. In the name of the one who died for us and lives within us, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN “God Will Take Care of You” **UMH # 130**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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