

A Service of Worship
March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent

We Gather at God's Call

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

- Osterland

Greeting

*Call to Worship

Ron Matthews, Worship Leader

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!
Once we lived in darkness, but now -
as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.
Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!

*Hymn

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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*Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.*

Refrain:
*The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

*Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.*

*Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you.

You set before us a rich feast of blessing,

but we are drawn to the things that cannot satisfy.

You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world,

but we focus on ourselves.

Our ways are not your ways;

our thoughts are not your thoughts.

Forgive us when we fall short of your claim on our lives.

Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life.

Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are,

in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be.

Through Jesus, our Savior we pray.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness.

God's love is sure and steadfast - providing a way out, a way through and a way back to God.

With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ, forgiven and made new.

Response of Praise

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

We Gather around God's Word

Time with the Children

Pastor Keith Phillips

Scripture

1 Corinthians 10:1-10

Sermon

Pastor Ann Pettit

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
 we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
 accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
 and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
 the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
 to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
 from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

O God of Earth and Altar

Chesterton/Vaughn William

*O God of earth and altar. Bow down and hear our cry;
 Our earthly rulers falter, our people drift and die;
 The walls of gold entomb us, the swords of scorn divide;
 Take not thy thunder from us, but take away our pride.*

*From all that terror teaches, from lies of pen and tongue;
 From all the easy speeches that satisfy the throng;
 From sale and profanation of honor and the sword;
 From sleep and from damnation, deliver us, good Lord!*

*Tie in a living tether the Prince and Priest and thrall;
 Bind all our lives together, cleanse us and save us all;
 In love and exultation aflame with faith and free,
 Lift up a living people, united hearts to thee.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading

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The choir will sing the first two verses; the congregation will join on the last three verses.

*Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading;
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing;
help us to follow you.*

Refrain:

*Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*Come to teach us; come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful; may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced. (Refrain)*

*Guide our thinking and our speaking
done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
freeing from guilt and shame. (Refrain)*

*Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. (Refrain)*

*Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. (Refrain)*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.*