

# Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2014

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*When our souls are empty, you fill them with living water.  
When we are reluctant to follow Jesus, you steer us in the right direction.  
Your whispers of grace silence us, and we worship you in truth Amen.*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

Selected

### WELCOME

Steve Lowe

### \*INTROIT #446

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (v.1)*

Young, 1979

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God whose help is never failing.

*Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.*

Our God is the One God who holds the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, the sea and the dry land.

*O come let us worship this God, our Creator.*

We are God's people and God loves us deeply.

*Let us worship this God, the Creator and Lover of us all.*

### \*HYMN #98

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

Alexander, 1830

*March's Hymn of the Month*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

In every moment of our lives, in every place where we journey, God is there. Let us confess how often we do not see God in our lives, especially in how we live them. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

### SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl harsh words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but only give our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping. Infinite Grace, you meet us wherever we are. You break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched. Amen.*

## LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not disappoint us. Our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, and we are sent forth to serve. Thanks be to God!

*In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all. Thanks – deep thanks be to God! Amen.*

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

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### ANTHEM

*“On Eagle's Wings”*

*Bert Lowe*

Kingsbury, 1979

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17: 1 – 17

Bibles, p.61 / LG. p. 79

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

#### HYMN #85

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

American Folk Hymn, 1811

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 4: 5 – 28

Bibles, p.89 / LG. p.115

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

### SERMON

*“A Woman of Samaria”*

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*“The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the Gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of every person's guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all people and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness, the healing of human ills, and deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.” This, we believe. Amen.*

– The Confession of 1967 9.50

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #282 *“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”* Neumark, 1657

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #98 *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (v.3)* Alexander, 1830  
*March’s Hymn of the Month*

POSTLUDE Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week’s prayers and concerns: Travis Reynolds, Cindy Ratliff, Jane & Tolly Dill and Diane Dill, Neil & Mariella Pennal, Jack Clark, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, and the staff and leadership of Grace Presbytery.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

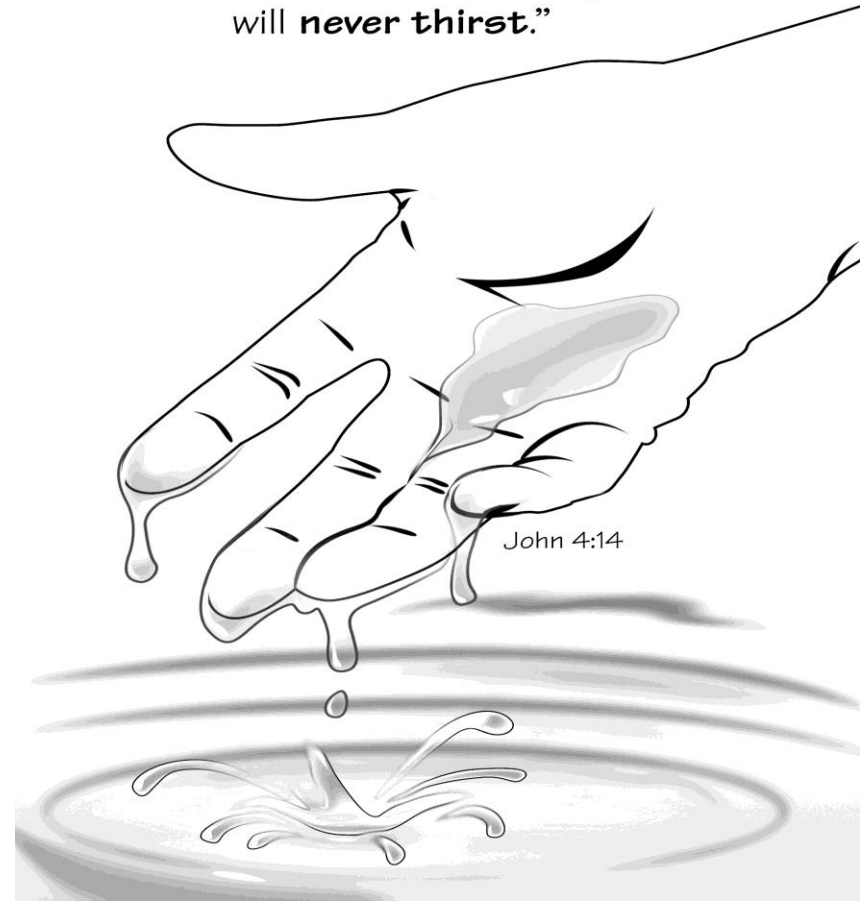
Sun. 03/23	8:30-9:30a.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Sun. 03/23	Following Worship	Worship Team
Tues. 03/25	7:00p.m.	Prayer Companions Meeting
Wed. 03/26	4:30-5:30p.m.	Kids for God
Thurs.03/27	6:30p.m..	Outreach Meeting

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“Whoever **drinks** the **water** I give him will **never thirst.**”



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