Worship for the Lord’s Day
Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023
9:30 am

Prelude
Piano Sonata No. 12
F major, K. 332, movement I
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Savannah Jungers

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words
Derek Rush

One: We gather together
All: the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.
One: We gather together
All: the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.
One: We gather together
All: those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.
One: So come to the well, come to the table. Come, let us worship God. Amen.

*Hymn 475
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON
Call to Confession

One: In today’s service we will hear the story of the Samaritan woman. It’s a well-known story of a woman who, in the heat of the day, meets Jesus at a well and he asks her for a drink. Every time I read this story, I cannot help but ask myself—when was the last time I drew water for someone? When was the last time I drew water for myself? So with this same open curiosity, we come to the prayer of confession, trusting that even if we forget our bucket, God will still meet us at the well. Friends, with that grace in mind, let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine: we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God. This is the good news of the gospel:

All: God’s grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved, and forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. Amen.

*Sung Response 602 Holy Lamb of God

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

*Sung Response 205 Live in Charity / Ubi Caritas

A Time with Youngest Children

Following our time together, all kids are encouraged to go with our Sunday School volunteers to Rm LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick-up your child there immediately after worship.

Prayer for Inspiration

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!
Scripture Reading
John 4:5-42
Beth
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Seeking: Will you give me a drink?  
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Special Music
Land of the Seeking
Music and lyrics by Spencer LaJoye
Sanctified Arts
Maura Janton Cock, vocalist & Gregg Morton, guitar
Congregation joins singing on the Chorus:  
Coax your quiet questionings
Speak your soft uncertainties
There is room for these
In the land of the seeking

Offering Our Gifts to God
Invitation to Offering  
Derek
Offertory  
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Chancel Choir
arr. Lloyd Larson

*Doxology
words 607, tune 606
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings
Beth

Joys & Concerns

God's People Pray
One: We lift our prayers to God.
All: Lord, hear our prayers.

Lord’s Prayer (using “sins”)  
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 81
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
AUSTRIAN HYMN
*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

I Will Sing of the Mercies

arr. Roger House

* Please rise in spirit or body
All speak emboldened type
 Portions of today's liturgy written by Sanctified Arts www.sanctifiedart.org

USHERS: John Boxell
ACOLYTE: Savannah Jungers
LITURGIST: Derek Rush
ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Barb Coop
AV: Tristan Rush, Andrew Petersen

Next Sunday in Worship, March 19
4th Sunday of Lent
9:30 am

Seeking: Who sinned?
John 9:1-11
John 9:12-17
This week at CPC:

Sunday, March 12
Third Sunday of Lent

Daylight Savings Time Starts
8:45 am — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary
9:30 am — Worship
9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid
5:00 pm — 6-8th grade Youth Group; LL8
5:00 pm — Cubes 9-12th grades; Youth Lounge

Monday, March 13
7:00 pm — Session; Chapel / Hybrid

Tuesday, March 14
1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid
7:00 pm — Endowment; Chapel

Wednesday, March 15
6:00 pm — Soup Supper; Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm — Lenten Meditation Worship; chapel/Zoom
7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary
7:30 pm — Mission & Outreach Meeting; Zoom

Thursday, March 16
9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions; Chapel/Hybrid
5:30 pm — Pasta Party Fundraiser; Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Rehearsal; LL8
7:00 pm — CE-A; Zoom

Friday, March 17

Saturday, March 18

Sunday, March 19
Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:45 am — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary
9:30 am — Worship
9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid
5:00 pm — 6-8th grade Youth Group; LL8
5:00 pm — Cubes 9-12th grades; Youth Lounge

NURSERY CARE
The Nursery will be staffed the first Sunday of the month (next time is April 2). Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
*kids 3 yrs - 5th grade
Kids can pick up a bulletin and coloring page from the Narthex on their way into the Sanctuary.
Following “A Time with Youngest Children,” all kids will be invited to go with our volunteers to Rm LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick up your child there immediately following worship service.
This week our focus will be on John 4:5-42. This scripture passage is about the woman at the well. The children will also work with Julia and Abbey to learn Hymn 597; Holy, Most Holy Lord (Sanna, sannanina)

CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!
5:7:30ish
Students in grades 6-12 will meet tonight from 5-7:30ish. Discussions will be had, dinner will be made by one of our high school cubes, and WF has variations on a dodgeball theme for us to play together. We look forward to seeing you tonight! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact Pastor Susan.
**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION**
10:45-11:45 am  
Hybrid: Chapel or Zoom  
**SEVEN WORDS LENTEN SERIES Continues Today 3/12**  
Sunday Morning Adult Ed begins a Lenten series using Susan Robb’s *Seven Words: Listening to Christ From the Cross*. Each session will focus on one of the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. Our facilitators will be different each week. We will meet on Sunday mornings in the chapel or online via Zoom.

**THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS**  
Thursdays, 9:00 -10:30 am  
Join us to read and discuss *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* by Jonathan L. Walton. The book is instructive in how to read and interrupt scripture.

**News of THE AMOS GROUP**  
*Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.* Amos 5:24

**New Books in the Lending Library**  
The Amos Group has about one full shelf of books in the church office, available to sign out and read. We continue to welcome new books that you want to contribute. As of this week, two books have been added:

*His Name is George Floyd*, by Washington Post writers Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunniipa. This book is a documentary of the life of George Floyd, from his roots in Houston to his death in Minneapolis. It explores the cultural forces which took a “beloved figure from Houston’s housing projects” through addiction to recovery and his eventual death under the knee of a policeman in 2020.

*Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stephenson, the executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, headquartered in Alabama. Note: *This edition has been “adapted for young adults.”*

Stephenson, as a recent graduate from Harvard Law School, moved to Alabama, specifically to work with prisoners whose incarceration was based on a flawed justice system. His organization has succeeded in helping many prisoners, including those who have been on death row.

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.

**Pasta Party FUNDRAISER**  
Thurs., March 16 @ 5:30PM  
$10 adults  $5 children under 12  
Please join us as we share a meal together and then play games for all ages! We will serve spaghetti with or without meatballs & sauce, buttered pasta, salad, garlic bread, beverages & desserts! If you would like to donate a dessert item please reach out to Kristin Duy.  
[RSVP HERE](#). All proceeds support Summer Caravans.
LENTEN MEDITATIVE WORSHIP  
Wednesdays  
March 15, 22, 29  
6:30 - 7:00 pm  
Chapel / Hybrid (Zoom)  
Preceded by Soup Supper at 6:00 pm

During Lent we gather for mid-week worship. It is a time to pause, take a breath and deepen our relationship with Christ. This year we will use the spiritual practice of *visio divina* to engage with the scriptures through the study of art and visual images. Each Wednesday will be a precursor to the coming Sunday. Communion will be celebrated. Join us in person or on Zoom. Beginning March 15, the Deacons will provide a light soup supper at 6:00 pm.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
Now through APRIL 9

Fish banks are available for anyone wanting to participate in this Lenten giving program. You can pick up a fish bank and a Sharing Calendar in the Narthex. Each day read the Sharing Calendar and reflect on the questions. You can then place a gift in your fish bank. We will collect the banks and celebrate your generosity on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

THE AMOS GROUP INVITES YOU  
Worship at Trinity UCC, hear Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III preach

Sunday April 30

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30, for a special opportunity.

We are excited to announce a road trip to Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Trinity's membership is primarily African American. We'll attend a worship service, where we'll hear the very popular Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III preach. And we are sure to hear impassioned singing, as well as enjoy the welcome and fellowship of this church family during a meaningful worship experience.

We will travel in carpools/church van and arrive in time for an 11:00 am service. We'll have a sign-up sheet so that we can plan for sufficient seats in vehicles.

For those who wish, there will probably be an opportunity to gather for dinner at a South Side restaurant afterwards.

Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Gregg Morton, eaglesong60516@yahoo.com.
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday April 2, 9:30 am - begins with Palm parade in the garden
- Abbey Petersen and Julia Lorenz will teach our youngest kids Hymn 597; Holy, Most Holy Lord, aka Sannam, sannanina. All children present at Palm Sunday service will join the choir and the rest of the congregation to sing this song as we process in with the palms

Maundy Thursday April 6, 7:00 pm - remembering Jesus’ last night with the disciples, foot washing and communion

Good Friday April 7

Easter Sunrise Worship April 9, 7:00 am in the garden
- Everyone is invited to take our Easter story walk through the garden and front of the church either before or after worship service

Easter Worship April 9, 9:30 am, sanctuary