



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



SIMPLE CHURCH

March 12, 2023

The Third Sunday in Lent

**Standing, as you are able.*

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father

Swedish; Held

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Come, all who are thirsty says Jesus, our Lord,
come, all who are weak, taste the living water that I shall give.

Dip your hands in the stream,
refresh body and soul, drink from it, depend on it,
for this water will never run dry.

Come, all who are thirsty, says Jesus, our Lord.

*SING

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Glory to God, Hymn 182

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."**

**I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.**

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
 He leads me beside the still waters.
 He restores my soul;
 He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 for You are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SCRIPTURE

John 4:7-26

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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." 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."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

LESSON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Refrain

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.***

God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Refrain

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

Refrain

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Refrain

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Refrain

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Refrain**WE RESPOND**

*SING

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place

Hymn 398

**There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

GIVE

WE GO

*SING

Song of Hope (*sung twice*)

Hymn 432

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

*SENDING PRAYER

May the grace of God hold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you and the strength of God protect you.
Go now to share the grace, peace, love and strength of God with others!

POSTLUDE

Out of the Depths Have I Cried

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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