

Worship Service ~ March 8, 2026, 9:00

Third Sunday in Lent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Mary Buck
in memory of her brother, Steve Sargeant.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG

ELW #714 *O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF LIGHT*

Stz 1, 3, 4

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

~Silence for Reflection~

L: Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE ELW page 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us prayer.

C: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING **John 4:1-42**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #533 *OPEN NOW THE GATES OF BEAUTY*
 stz 1, 2, 3

MUSICAL OFFERING "*Beside a Stream of Living Water*" arr. Thomas Keesacher; Faith Choir;
Malcolm Anderson, piano; Linda Burk, director



Beside a stream of living water
Stands a tree of God's blest people.
It's roots run deep, from those before us.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God
unbounding.

So many rings, a living history.
Some are thin from years of struggle.
Some circle wide from times of plenty.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God unbounding.

The branches soar beyond the steeple.
Leaves as varied as its people.
So many gifts and yet one body.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God unbounding.

O tree of life, O tree of glory.
May our witness tell God's story
For all who follow in the future.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God unbounding.

OFFERTORY ELW #184 *LET THE VINEYARDS*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: Let us give our thanks and praise to God!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

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COMMUNION MUSIC "You Revive Me" Worship Band

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, ✠ and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

LIVING WATERS

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

- 1. A Samaritan woman came to get water and Jesus asked her for a drink. Why was the woman shocked that Jesus spoke to her?**
 - a) She hadn't seen Jesus sitting by the well as she approached.
 - b) Only women normally went to wells for water.
 - c) Jews normally didn't associate with Samaritans.
 - d) She assumed an important person like Jesus wouldn't speak to a peasant like herself.

- 2. Jesus answered and said to 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 _____."**
 - a) the kingdom of God
 - b) the kingdom of heaven
 - c) living water
 - d) the gift of the Spirit

- 3. What did Jesus do after His visit to the well?**
 - a) He went on to Galilee with His disciples
 - b) He stayed with a group of Samaritans for two days.
 - c) He baptized the woman with water from the well.
 - d) He went on to Jerusalem with His disciples.

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