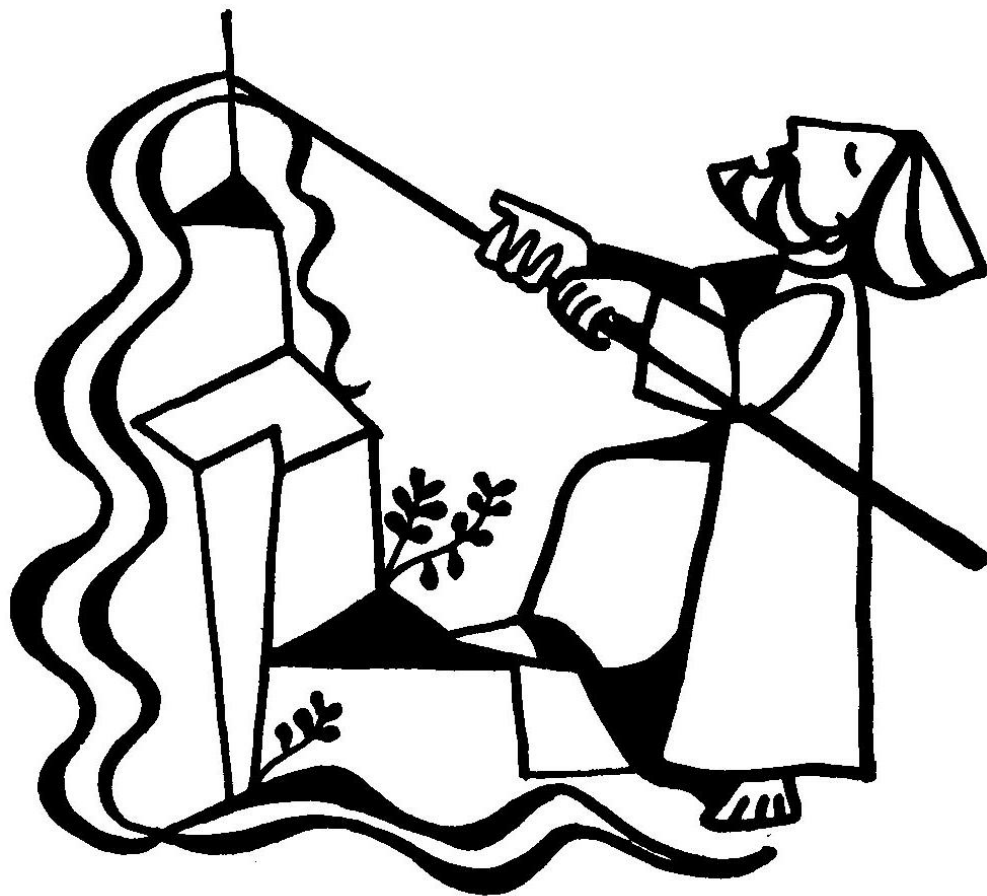




“So they quarreled with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’”

- Exodus 17:2a

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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*As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.
Please silence cell phones.*

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE *“Prelude and Fugue in D Major” Op. 35 – Mendelssohn* Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 42*

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Leader: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

People: Why are you cast down, O my soul?

Leader: And why are you disquieted within me?

People: Hope in God, for I shall again praise my help and my God!

*HYMN *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* #400

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Merciful God, you see deep into our hearts and know us better than we know ourselves. You know our longing and hunger. You know our seasons of famine and drought. Forgive us for the times when we fail to trust in your providence. Forgive us for grasping at what you would freely give. Chasten us in seasons of plenty, and strengthen us in seasons of want.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Diane Salter

People: Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Bonnie Hawk

Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and any helpful information and pass down the row. Afterward please return to the aisle seat.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Bonnie Hawk

*The children are invited to gather in front of the steps for a brief sermon and prayer.
Afterward they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.*

ANTHEM

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” – arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Diane Salter

- Exodus 17:1-7

Water in the wilderness

Pg. 79, Old Testament

SERMON

“A Wilderness of Thirst”

Bonnie Hawk

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Sunny Park

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*Offering plates are located in the back
of the sanctuary or on the center narthex table.*

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY

#95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures, here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN

“The First Song of Isaiah”

(Refrain) Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,

And he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

From the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord

And call upon his name. (Refrain)

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

See that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,

And this is known in all the world. (Refrain)

Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion,

Ring out your joy,

For the great one in the midst of you

Is the Holy One of Israel. (Refrain)

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

"Festive March" – Flor Peeters

Althea Waites

Today's altar flowers are from:

- Joe & Kathie Austin in celebration of their daughter Jennifer Ciauri's birthday.

New to the Church?

We are grateful that we can worship together. Please use our digital welcome pad by opening the QR code. Thank you!



Rev. Bonnie Hawk, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Associate Pastor
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
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