

Offering

Offertory Anthem

As pants the hart

Eric Thiman

As pants the hart for cooling streams
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee,
And Thy refreshing grace.

For Thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty soul doth pine;
Oh when shall I behold Thy Face,
Thou Majesty divine?

Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing,
The praise of Him who is Thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring. (Psalm 42)

+Presenting Our Gifts to God

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 95 (UMH)

+Sending Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

No. 127 (UMH)

+Benediction

+Benediction Response

Sevenfold Amen

Brian Schoettler

Postlude

Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz



Encounters with Jesus

LENT AT FIRST CHURCH

After the service, Dean Francis will greet the congregation at the Hinman Avenue exit, Jane Cheema at the Fountain Foyer exit, and Bonny Roth at the Church Street exit.

IN THE SEASON OF LENT WE PAUSE TO CONSIDER THE MESSAGE OF JOHN'S GOSPEL FOR US. HOW DOES GOD OPEN OUR EYES? WHERE DO WE SEE NEW LIFE TODAY?

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. March 19, 2017

The Order of Worship

Invitation to Meditation

Prelude

Adagio

Frank Bridge

Community Announcements

(Please take the black welcome folder located at the end of your pew, fill it out and pass it to the next person. When the folder has reached the end of the pew, please return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you so that you can greet them. After the offertory, ushers will collect the welcome folders.)

+Call to Worship

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

+Entrance Hymn

Woman in the night

No. 274 (UMH)

All Verses (1-8)

*(+ indicates congregation standing as able
UMH = red hymnal, TFW'S = supplement)*

+Invitation to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

+Assurance and Forgiveness

Psalm 95

Come let's rejoice

John Amner

Come let's rejoice unto the Lord:
let us make joy to God our Savior.
Let us approach to his presence in confession:
and in psalms let us make joy to him. (Psalm 95:1-2)

First Reading

Romans 5:1-11
(Pew Bible NT p. 155)

(Following the reading, the leader says "This is the word of God for the people of God;" the people respond "Thanks be to God.")

+Gospel Acclamation

Return to God

Jerry Jelsema



Re - turn to God_ with all your heart, the source of grace_ and mer - cy.



Come seek the ten - der faith - ful-ness, the lov - ing kind - ness of our God.

(Sing once before and once after the Gospel reading)

+Gospel Reading

John 4:5-15
(Pew Bible NT p. 94)

(Following the Gospel reading, the leader says "Hear what the Spirit says to the church;" the people respond "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.")

Time with Children

(Children ages 3 years thru 4th grade are invited to 3rd floor Children's Chapel after Time with Children. Please make sure your child is signed into Chapel and picked up immediately after worship. 5th and 6th grade students [Connect 56] meets in Room M for study).

Hymn

Jesus, lover of my soul

No. 479 (UMH)

Sermon

Encounters with Jesus: Woman at the Well

Prayers of the People

Prayers, whether spoken or unspoken, may be written on the blue card and placed in the offering plate. In our petitions, we pray for each other, the world, and ourselves, and after the leader says "Hear us as we sing," the people respond with "sung response."

Prayer Response

Donald MacMillan



Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear thou our prayer; in - cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

+The Peace (All exchange signs and words of God's peace.)