

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Gathering

PRELUDE *Prelude on "I Would Be True"* Warriner/ Peek

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the fellowship pad*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #81

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

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.

(Prayers continue in silence)

SUNG RESPONSE *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead--now Christ has become our life and salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Bonar/ Larkin

TIME WITH CHILDREN Children are invited to gather up front
(Children ages 0-3rd grade will be in the Kid's room, 4th-7th grade will be in the Elementary room & 8th grade+ will be in the Youth room)

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people

quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

New Testament Reading: John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

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."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*HYMN *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* #440

SERMON "Can You Survive Without Water?" Rev. Marta Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Jesus Is All the World to Me* Southbridge/ Thompson

*SUNG RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending of God's Word

*CLOSING HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #216

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata on Picardy* Young

indicates those who are able may stand. Congregational responses are in **bold...*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Youth Sunday is April 30th--save the date!

TODAY after worship- Invitation to an Adult Class- *“The Ten Commandments”* and Jesus’ *“Sermon on the Mount”* are two of the best-known parts of the Bible—known both in the church and in the wider culture, as guides to how to live in relation to fellow people and to God. They are widely honored, but Christians have had different ideas about how to interpret and apply them, and especially how to relate those two standards to each other. In this class we’ll explore their texts and structures, their connections in and beyond the Bible, and ways that different Christians have understood, related, and used them. The class will meet on Sunday mornings after worship, from **March 12** through May 7 (except April 9, Easter), with Jack Maddex leading.

Next week, March 19th, is the last week to bring your donations for our Gift of the Heart Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We are collecting: washcloths, hand towels, nail clippers, full size bars of soap, toothbrushes, large tooth combs and bandaids. We especially need Nail Clippers, Combs, Hand Towels and Washcloths! Our youth groups will be assembling the kits during youth group next week. If you would like to make a monetary donation, cash or check is accepted. Please make checks out to WPC and put PDA on the memo line.

Worship Opportunities during Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, April 2nd, worship with communion at 10AM.

Maundy Thursday, April 6th, worship with communion at 7PM.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 7th, at 7PM.

Easter Sunday, April 9th, worship at 10AM.

Sunday 3/12/2023– Daylight Savings Time Ends

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
11:00 am Coffee Hour hosted by: Sheila Snyder & Sunday School
11:00 am Creation Care’s Plastics Collection
11:15 am Jack Maddex’s Adult Bible Study Class (Meeting Room)
5:00 pm AA Meeting (Meeting Room)

Monday 3/13/2023

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting
7:00 pm Lenten Study with Martha Zaborowski

Tuesday 3/14/2023

9:00 am Preschool
9:00 am Parkinson’s Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am WPC Knitter’s (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 3/15/2023

8:00 am Men’s Breakfast Group at Countryside Pizza & Grill
9:00 am Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
10:30 am Pioneer Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday 3/16/2023

9:00 am Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Townscape Walkers (contact Julia Frederick for location)
5:30 pm PW Evening Meeting (Meeting Room)

Friday 3/17/2023- Church Office Closed– Happy St. Patty’s Day

9:00 am Preschool

Saturday 3/18/2023- Church Office Closed

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Marta Ukropina
Music Director: Michael Mercatante
Usher/Greeter: Gene Heinle, Don Hirst, Eileen Sanders, Lin Hirst
Counters: Anita Brown and Dawn Champoux
Coffee Hour: Sheila Snyder and Sunday School

Next Sunday:

Pastor: Rev. David Ukropina
Music Director: Michael Mercatante
Usher/Greeter: Mike Bagaason, Kyle Coats, Judy Coats
Counters: Eileen Sanders and Gwen Childs
Coffee Hour: Deacons

Do you love music? Do you want to meet new friends or get to know other church members better all while having fun? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then choir may be for you! All experience levels are welcome--all that is required is a willingness to come and sing! Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the sanctuary. Teenagers through adults are welcome. Come join us as we sing our praises to God through song. Questions? Contact WPC Music Director Michael Mercatante: Michael@wpceugene.org



3rd Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023
10:00 am

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