

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" # 67

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn of Gathering: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 65

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe. With craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth without an equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; but there is one who takes our side, the one of God's own choosing. You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. With mighty power to save, victorious over the grave, Christ will prevail triumphant.
3. And though the world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us; we will not fear for God has willed the truth to triumph through us. The powers of darkness grim, we tremble not for them; their rage we can endure, for lo, their doom is sure: One little word shall fell them.
4. God's word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Christ, who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still, God's reign endures forever.

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Don Aye/10:30am Damon Dennis

"Psalm 95" (see insert) # 747

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Rev. Schwartz & Abigail
Text Exodus 17: 1-7 (NRSVA)
Message "Is God Among Us?" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Don Aye/10:30am Frank Morgan

*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

Prayer of Dedication

* - Please stand

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

A Prayer of Confession # 571

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Rev. Schwartz/10:30am Frank Morgan

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*

Communion Music: "Trading My Sorrows" MSPW2 #75

*Come forward to the Lord's Table to partake of Communion

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross" # 548

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best, for a world of lost sinners was slain.

REFRAIN: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above, to bear it to dark Calvary. **REFRAIN:**

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.

REFRAIN:

*Benediction

Rev. Schwartz

Postlude:

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

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March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color: Violet

Exodus 17: 1-7 (NRSVA)

¹From 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. ²The people quarrelled 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?’ ³But 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?’ ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ ⁵The 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. ⁶I 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. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, ‘Is the LORD among us or not?’

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, March 12, 2023 8:30am. ☩ 10:30a.m.

Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.