

March 15, 2020
Third Sunday in Lent

THE GATHERING

INTROIT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, O God. Bring us to the living water...

Remake us and renew us, for you open rivers on the bare heights and fountains in the midst of the valleys. (Isa. 41: 18a)

Come, O God. Bring us to the living water...

Show us the way to new life, for you make the wilderness a pool of water and the dry land a wellspring. (Isa. 41:18b)

Come, O God. Bring us to the living water...

Help us to remember your grace, for even when we pass through the waters, you are with us. (Isa. 43:2)

With joyful hearts, may we give thanks for the unfailing love of God!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 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 God's unchanging love!*
- Here I raise my 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 that grace now, 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.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

The season of Lent invites us to be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us name where we have wandered from our discipleship journey. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. You provide our daily bread; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation. Forgive us, God of grace. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION