

PRAYING
WITH JOHN
FOR
DEAR LIFE



Service of Midday Prayer for Lent

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

First Presbyterian Church, Gathered Online

Opening Sentences

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Ps. 124:8

Maker of heaven and earth.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn 479

Come Now to the Water

JACOB'S WELL

Refrain:

**Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
And all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!
Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,
And from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!**

1. Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water,
Choosing broken cups that cannot be filled? *Refrain*
2. For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us

To the well-springs of the water of life. *Refrain*

3. All who come may take the gift of living water.
They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled. *Refrain*

Prayer

Enduring Presence, goal and guide,
you go before and await our coming.
Only our thirst compels us beyond complaint to conversation,
beyond rejection to relationship.
Pour your love into our hearts,
that, refreshed and renewed,
we may invite others to the living water
given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture Lesson

Before the lesson:

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68
Hear the word of the Lord.

John 4: 5-42

The Word became flesh and lived among us. John 1:14
And we have seen his glory. Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. 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.

3. 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.

Dismissal

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**