

March 12, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

People: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God!

People: In God's hand are the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains are God's also.

Leader: The sea is God's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. For this is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

***Hymn #326: "Crashing Waters at Creation"**

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Reading:

John 4:5-42

Carol Griffith

Anthem

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Congregational Assent

Leader: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support and care.

Unison Prayer

Eternal God, in birthing us into this world you have shared a great gift – life in all its dimensions. For the joys and sorrows, for the smiles and tears, for health and suffering, for belief and doubt, we praise you. May your benevolent Spirit guide us in this life, and in the life that knows no end. Amen.

Sermon: "Watery Grace"

***Hymn #351:** "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Fount of Blessing, receive our gifts in the joy that we give them. Be it time, tithe, or talent, it all comes from you. Thank you for blessing us to be a blessing to you and each other. Amen.

***Hymn #42:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude