

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "A Prayer for Lent" Broughton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Mark Gaskill

THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One We come here as strangers;

ALL WE FIND FRIENDS.

One We come here as outcasts;

ALL WE FIND REFUGE.

One We come hungry and thirsty;

ALL WE FIND FOOD AND WATER.

One We come here wounded;

ALL WE FIND HEALING.

One We come into the presence of God;

ALL WE FIND LOVE.

*HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" No. 81

CALL TO CONFESSION Saint Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226 CE)

O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen
Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 4: 1-25

SHARING THE JOURNEY OF LENT: ACCEPTANCE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY "You Are So Good to Me" See insert

* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 4: 26-42

SERMON *Accepted* Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This?" No. 85

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate" arr. North

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*Please stand if able.

“You Are So Good To Me”

(chorus)

You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song.

You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song.

You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song,

And I will sing again.

1. You are so good to me,
You heal my broken heart
You are my Father in heaven. (repeat verse 1)

(chorus)

2. You ride upon the clouds
You lead me to the truth
You are the spirit inside me (repeat verse 2)

(chorus)

You are my strong melody
You are my dancing rhythm
You are my perfect rhyme,
And I will sing of You forever.

3. You poured out all Your blood
You died upon the cross
You are my Jesus who loves me. (repeat vs. 3)

(chorus)

You are my Father in heaven
You are the Spirit inside me
You are my Jesus who loves me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN LUNCHESES

As we move through the season of Lent, looking with anticipation to the death and resurrection of Jesus, we invite everyone to join your GSPC friends at the Lenten Lunches starting today through March 26, after the worship service. Please sign up in the narthex if you can bring a soup, bread, or dessert to share.

LILIES FOR EASTER

During Lent, you will again have the opportunity to provide lilies for Easter Day. Plants will cost **\$20 per pot**; checks should be payable to Georgia Henry. Order envelopes will be available in the Sunday bulletins through March 12 and may be placed in the collection plate. Today is the last Sunday to place your order. Plants may be taken after the Easter morning service. When ordering, please indicate if the plants are in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one or other blessing. Contact Georgia Henry with questions – 301-843-6076 or gghenry4@aol.com.

FIRST READING: JOHN 4: 1-25

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John”²—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—³he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The 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.) ¹⁰Jesus 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.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ 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.” ¹⁵The 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.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”

SECOND READING: JOHN 4: 26-42

²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just 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?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do 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. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They 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.”

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*The flowers on the Retable this morning are given by Sally Brandt in
Thanksgiving for Family.*

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Today's Volunteers: *Greeter:* Loann Burian; *Acolyte:* Loann Burian
Ushers: Nick Gural and James Kriebel;
Scripture Reader: Michele Gaskill

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TODAY

Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Lenten Lunch After Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Tues. (March 14): 9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study
Wed. (March 15): 11:00 AM – Zoom Bible Study with Rev. Mark

COMING SOON

Lenten Lunches on Sunday March 19th & 26th



Worship Service Notes

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