

Lakeshore Presbyterian Church  
March 12, 2023  
Pastor Diane Oswald, presiding

When you see **bold print**, the congregation is invited to join in.

**WELCOME**

**LENTEN CANDLE SERVICE**

*Three purple and one pink candle will be lit prior to service*

**Reader 1:**

In this season of Lent, we reflect on our journey of faith with Christ, remembering all the ways God throughout history has delivered the people, through the Red Sea, crossing the river Jordan, and through the waters of our rebirth at our baptism. We know Christ is the spring of living water, and through Christ we will never thirst again for eternal life.

**Reader 2:**

We extinguish this purple candle on this third Sunday of Lent, remembering God's love for us through his son Jesus the Christ, that we might have new life in him.

Together we pray:

**As the days lengthen and the rivers fill with spring waters, dear God, may we be filled with your love. Let wellsprings of living water spring up in us. In the name of Christ, with whom we journey towards the cross, we pray. Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1-2)**

One: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord

**ALL: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

**ALL: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.**

**HYMN "What Wonderous Love is This #85**

**1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the \*heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the \*heavy cross for my soul!**

**2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,**

**While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.  
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, you came into this world to save sinners. We confess that we are sinners in need of your salvation. Have mercy on us in your loving kindness and grant us the peace that comes from knowing that we are forgiven.**

### **PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION** (in silence)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE** John 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

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

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

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

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

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

## **SERMON "The Woman at the Well"**

### **HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

O soul are you weary and troubled  
No light in the darkness you see  
There's light for a look at the Savior  
And life more abundant and free

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace

His word shall not fail you he promised  
Believe him and all will be well  
Then go to a world that is dying  
His perfect salvation to tell

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### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us say what we believe:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you!**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

### **SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

**RESPONSE “Hear Our Prayer, O LORD”**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord  
Hear our prayer, O Lord  
Incline Thine ear to us  
And grant us Thy peace**

**THE OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY #592**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**HYMN “My Song is Love Unknown” #76**

**1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?**

**2 Christ came from heaven's throne  
Salvation to bestow,  
But people scorned and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But O my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!**

**3 Sometimes they strew His way,  
And His sweet praises sing,  
Resounding all the way  
Hosannas to their King,  
Then “Crucify!”**

Is all their breath,  
And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

4 They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet steadfast He  
To suffering goes,  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

5 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine:  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend.

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Jesus Loves Me” #304 v1  
Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### **FELLOWSHIP**