



Third Sunday of Lent | March 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

\*Please stand  
As you are able

## Welcome and Announcements

## Trinity Chimes

**Prelude**     *Air for the G String*     *Bach/Vibbard*

## \*Call to Worship:

One: Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place

**All: Let us rejoice and celebrate!**

\***Hymn of Praise**     *89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.

## Opening Prayer

**Living Water, we come to drink from that well which quenches all thirsts, gushes up into eternal life, flows out feeding and nourishing all lands and people. Refresh us, so that we might share this water with all, Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson**                  Psalm 95 UMH 814

*Read Responsively*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

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

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great Ruler above all gods,

in whose hands are the depths of the earth

and also the heights of the mountains.

**The sea belongs to God who made it,**

**and the dry land, because God formed it.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,

**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For the Lord is our God,

**we are the people of God's pasture,**

**the sheep of God's hand.**

Hear the voice of the Lord today!

Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

when your forebears tested me,

and put me to proof, though they had seen my work.

**For forty years I loathed that generation**

**and said, "They are people who err in heart,**

**and they do not regard my ways."**

**Therefore, I swore in my anger**

**that they should not enter my rest.**

**Music of Preparation**     *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Dan Forrest

Brianna Smith, Violin

The Chancel Choir

**Gospel Lesson**             John 4:4-42

**Sermon**             I've seen the sign.

**Musical Response**

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession and Pardon:**

**We are dry, Lord, like the pavement on a sweltering summer day. Our lives are heated as the streams of our souls sometimes run dry. Our tears run out on the heartaches of this world. There are days when it seems no water can ease the drought of our fears and sorrows. You come to us as refreshing rain moistening the dryness and cooling the heat of our lives. Your promises spring up as eternal wells of redemption bringing new life. Remind us, O God, that your living water of forgiveness and love is always at hand, all we must do is drink deeply.**

Leader: Hear the good news: God walked upon this earth sharing our human life in Jesus Christ,

**All: God has conquered sin and death forgiving us all through Love and Grace**

Leader: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, amen!**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses as  
we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and  
the power and the glory forever. Amen**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Invitation Offering**

#### **Offertory**

*Hear Him*  
Sinamar Respicio, solo

Ryan Murphy

#### **\*Doxology #64** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

### **Offertory Prayer**

#### **\*Sending Hymn 127**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

**\*Benediction**

**Go forth in peace, seeking the signs and wonders of God's love,  
the grace of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen!**

**Postlude**      *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor,*

*BWV558 J.S. Bach*

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“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907  
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
Words: William Williams, 1745  
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”  
Words: Reginald Heber, 1826

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