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Bulletin

March 19, 2017
3rd Sunday in Lent
8:45 am

Thought for the day

“When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time, I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.” –Wendell Berry

***Gathering Songs**

“Come Now Is the Time to Worship” W&S 3178

“Forever” W&S 3023

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Frank Hallock

***Call to Worship**

Come, you who thirst for grace.

Come, you who hunger for justice.

Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

Come, you who are like a child at home.

Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.

We have come to worship God.

Then let us worship well.

***Song of Joy**

“Jesus, Name above All Names” FWS 2071

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7 in the Old Testament

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.

Time with Children

Following this, the children are escorted to a time of activity and learning. Please pick them up in their classrooms following the service.

***Song Before Prayer**

“As the Deer” FWS 2025

Witness to Faith

Karen Felien



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Community Prayer

by Howard Thurman

Lord, open unto me
Open unto me — light for my darkness.
Open unto me — courage for my fear.
Open unto me — hope for my despair.
Open unto me — peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me — joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me — strength for my weakness.
Open unto me — wisdom for my confession.
Open unto me — forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me — love for my hates.
Open unto me — thy self for myself.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Special Music

Praise Band

Scripture

Romans 5:1-11 in the New Testament

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.

Message

"Feasting in Grace"

Rev. Greg Batson, Guest Pastor

Offering our Gifts

Song of Blessing (Doxology)

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"



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Offertory Prayer

What a gift you have given us in Jesus, gracious God. Rekindle our faith. Renew our spirits. Vanquish our fear and grant us courage, for where we go, Jesus has gone before. In gratitude therefore we dedicate these gifts and our lives to you. Amen.

***Song of Sending**

"Grace Alone"

Benediction

At this time, you may join hands for the Benediction.

**Please stand if you are able.*



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This Sunday...

*Liturgist: Charlotte Chappell; Acolyte(s): Grace and Gracie; Video Tech: Billy Stempson and Sound Tech: Lynda Mounts. *Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Next Sunday...

Video Tech: Jake Henselmeier
Sound Tech: Suzanne McMurchie
Liturgist: Sara Baldwin
Acolyte(s): Leo and Indiana

We welcome guest preacher, Rev. Greg Batson. Rev. Batson is the President and CEO of the California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation, Inc. We are honored to welcome him as a part of our connectional ministries through the Cal-Pac Annual Conference.

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw is representing our church on a trip to Africa University, which is in Zimbabwe. She has been sponsored to join the Mississippi Annual Conference to attend Africa University's 25th Anniversary. Pastor Leigh Ann will be meeting the student sponsored by this church through the Cable Outreach Foundation gift. Let us continue to hold her in prayer.

Flowers are given by:

Jan Ahrens in honor of her son Jim Orr's birthday (March 13th).