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Bulletin

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3rd Sunday in Lent

10:30 am

SILENT MEDITATION

“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

PRELUDE

“Candle” (Arr. Schackley)

-Carol Graham

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Rev. Frank Hallock

INTROIT

“We Cannot Measure...”

-Chancel Choir

***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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

-UMH 89

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Exodus 17:1-7 in the Old Testament*

-Beth Brainerd Hallock

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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HYMN OF PREPARATION “You Who Are Thirsty”

-FWS 2132

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

-Rev. Frank Hallock

LORD'S PRAYER

-UMH 895

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.

ANTHEM

"Cleft For Me" (Daniel Greig)

-Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Romans 5:1-11 in the New Testament*

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THE MESSAGE

"Feasting in Grace"

-Rev. Greg Batson,
Guest Pastor



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Today: Video Tech: Bob Graham; Sound Tech: John Mitchell; and Acolyte(s): Christian

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).***