

The Worship of God

3rd Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020

Welcome, Announcements, and Sharing Our Vision Leader: Alice Megonigal

Preparing to Meet God

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Prelude...

Living Waters for the World is a mission project of the Synod of Living Waters (PCUSA) that sends short-term mission teams to install systems that deliver clean water. A news article describes the grateful response to one barrio in Matanzas, Cuba: "In November 2011, *Living Waters for the World*...installed one of its water purification systems at Prince of Peace Church, and the lives of the people of this community changed dramatically. As soon as the system was installed, Pastor Leticia Ramos shared that the people in the community said 'Hey, the church has LIVING WATER' and many started coming."

Call to Worship

L: The hour has come.

P: We are here to worship the Lord in spirit and truth.

L: Our God welcomes us as we gather as the family of God.

P: The One called the Christ will show us all things.

A: We wait expectantly to experience God's presence.

*Hymn of Praise *All Creatures of Our God and King* #455

Prayer of Confession

We live from day to day, O God, not too concerned about the consequences of our behavior, which goes against your will. Being held accountable for our actions, or lack thereof, is something we rarely think of, so we do pretty much as we please. Forgive us for receiving Christ into our lives, but not allowing him to truly lead us in all that we do. Help us to live as new creations, reflecting the presence of Christ and his forgiveness. And now we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and seek your forgiveness.....Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the Good News: God deals with us mercifully.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus is lavished upon us with the faith and love which are ours through him.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel –

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace & Gloria Patri

Hymnal p. 579

Let us greet one another, sharing the love and peace of God.

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson John 7: 37b-38

Music to Praise God *All Who Are Thirsty* Vineyard Music

Second Lesson John 4: 7-15

Sermon The Gift of Living Water

Responding to the Word

*Hymn *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* #510

Affirmation of Faith

L: Moses leads you up from the land of Egypt, out of the chains of slavery. And you sing to the Lord, saying, "The Lord is our strength, and our song; the Lord has become our salvation."

P: And you affirm, "The Lord our God is among us."

L: But now you come to a pool of water but you cannot drink because it is bitter. and you murmur against Moses and you mutter against the Lord.

P: And you cry in despair, "Is the Lord among us or against us?"

L: Then the Lord shows Moses a tree, and Moses throws it into the water, and the water becomes sweet.

P: And you affirm, "The Lord our God is among us."

L: Now you set out for another place, leaving behind the oasis and coming into the wilderness. Food is scarce, and again, you murmur.

P: And you cry in despair, "Is the Lord among us or against us?"

L: But the Lord provides - sending quail in the evening and manna in the morning.

P: And you affirm, "The Lord our God is among us."

L: And you move on, again having no water to drink, and you murmur.

P: And you cry out, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt? Will you kill us and our children with thirst?" And you, once again, mutter against the Lord asking "Is the Lord among us or against us?"

L: Then the Lord shows Moses a rock, and water flows from it, and your thirst is quenched.

P: And you affirm, "The Lord our God is among us."

L: O faithless generation, have you believed only because you have seen signs? Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe!

A: We believe, O Lord! Forgive our unbelief, and strengthen our faith.

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Cares Chorus

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

The Celebration of Gifts

Call for Offering – Offertory - Doxology - Prayer of Dedication *Hymnal, p. 592*

Going Out to Serve

* Hymn of Praise *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #446

*Blessing

L: May God, who is Help of the Helpless, grant you the strength that passes all expectations.

P: May Christ, who is the Hope of the Hopeless, grant us the peace that passes all understanding.

L: May the Spirit, who is the Comforter of the Comfortless, grant you the assurance that passes all doubt,

P: That we might all be blessed with whatever is needed, to faithfully serve The Lord.

L: And may the blessings of Almighty God...

*Response

He Is Lord



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