



**seeking:**  
*Will you give  
me a drink?*



**SAINT LUKE'S**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Third Sunday in Lent**

March 12, 2023 10:30 am



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## In Preparation for Worship

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." - John 4: 25-26

## Gathering Prayer

Annabel Lassiter

## Presentation of the Colors

Becca Davis, Sarah Miller,  
Grace Wilkes, Mischa Douglass

## Pledge of Allegiance

Mischa Douglass

## Moment for Scouting

Rebecca Miller

## Prelude

Cantilena

John Longhurst

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship\*

Rebecca and Sarah Miller

Leader: We gather together—

People: **the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,  
in hopes of seeing God.**

Leader: We gather together—

People: **the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.**

Leader: We gather together—

People: **those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,  
in hopes of finding justice.**

Leader: So come to the well, come to the table.

People: **Come, let us worship God.**

## Opening Hymn\* 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

## Prayer of Confession\*

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story.

We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion,  
and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well.

So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity  
to share water with our neighbors?

**How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change?  
How often have we simply decided that justice and  
compassion were not worth the work?  
Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well  
in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you.  
With hope we pray, now also the prayers on each of our hearts...  
(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy  
People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness\***

**Song of Praise\* 606** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

## **Welcome of New Members**

**Prayer for Illumination** Mischa Douglass

**Scripture Reading** John 4:5-42

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Tell Us Our Story** Shannon Dill

*Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 119 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.*

**Anthem** Go, Congregation, Go John Antes  
Lindsey Sanders, soprano  
The Chancel Choir

**Sermon** Jesus and the Samaritan Woman Van Herring

**Affirmation of Faith\*** from A Sanctified Art Grace Wilkes

**We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.  
We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.  
We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.  
We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed,  
and the abandoned.  
We believe in asking questions.  
We believe in curiosity.  
We believe in giving people a drink.  
May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.**

## Prayers of The People and the Lord's Prayer

Becca Davis

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## The Offering

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need    Traditional arr. Shearing

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- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.*
- 2) Give online via [slpres.org/giving](http://slpres.org/giving).*
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## Closing Hymn\* 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

## Benediction\*

Dana and Henley Freyman

## Postlude\*

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

J. S. Bach

**Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!**

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