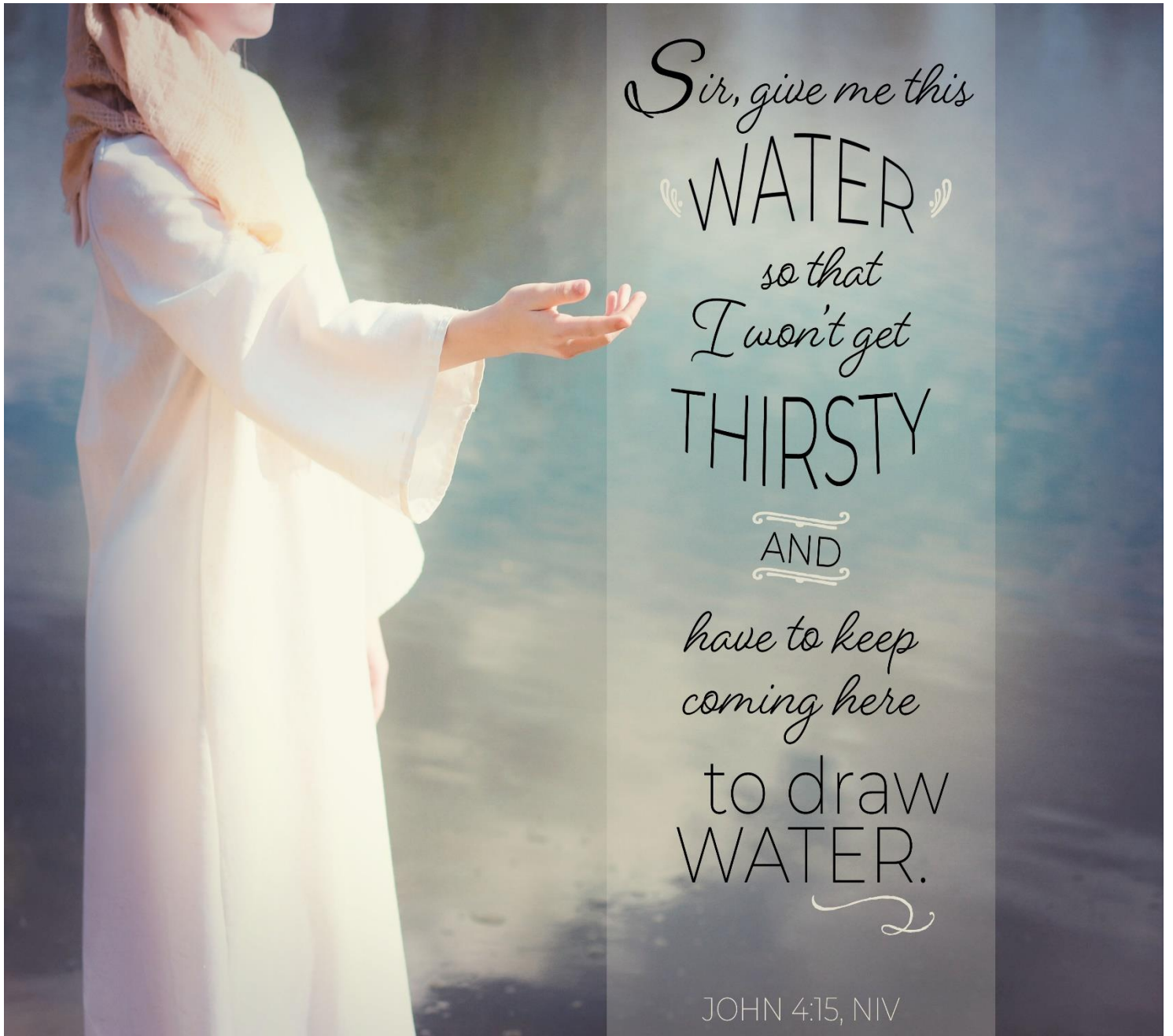


St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



“Thirst”

March 12th, 2023

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SUNDAY SHEPHERD

Judy Bernethy

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillon

PRAISE TO GOD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 42:1-2)

Pastor: As a deer longs for flowing streams so our souls long for you, O God.

People: **Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.**

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

HYMN # 225

"Come, Christians Join to Sing" v. 1 – 3

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

WORD OF THE WEEK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are more aware of our thirst for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well today desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty." Come, drink deep, and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

***RESPONSE: HYMN # 812**

"Glory Be to The Father"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Book of Common Worship)

Margaret Gould

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Margaret Gould

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Gospel Reading: John 4:7-15

Reader: This is the WORD of the LORD for His people.

People: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

"Thirst"

Pastor Linda Graham

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN # 400

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" v. 1 – 4

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;

He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal Love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age!

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near!
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
Light by night and shade by day,
Daily on the manna feeding Which
He gives them when they pray.

Savior, since of Zion's city
I thro' grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity;
I will glory in Thy name.

Fading is the world's best pleasure,
All its boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

God gives generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return.

*RESPONSE HYMN # 815

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing and the destitute. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN # 690

"He Leadeth Me"

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.
Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]
And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God thro' Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillon

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March Lectionary

Third Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023	<u>Exodus 17:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 95</u>	<u>Romans 5:1-11</u>	<u>John 4:5-42</u>
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 19, 2023	<u>1 Samuel 16:1-13</u>	<u>Psalm 23</u>	<u>Ephesians 5:8-14</u>	<u>John 9:1-41</u>
Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2023	<u>Isaiah 7:10-14</u>	<u>Psalm 45</u> or <u>Psalm 40:5-10</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:4-10</u>	<u>Luke 1:26-38</u>
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023	<u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u>	<u>Psalm 130</u>	<u>Romans 8:6-11</u>	<u>John 11:1-45</u>