# Order of Worship

March 15, 2020  Third Sunday in Lent

## Welcome and Passing of the Peace

(Romans 5, John 4)

Let us greet one another with words of hope—words that come from the wellspring of love flowing within us because of our encounter with the living Christ.

## Ministries and Missions Announcements

### Prelude

*From the Depths of My Heart*  
J.S. Bach

### Choral Introit

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 95, Romans 5)

O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God. Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God. We will listen for God’s word and live in the hope it inspires.

### Opening Hymn

*Christ Is the World’s Light*  
UMH 188

### Unison Prayer

(Exodus 17, Romans 5, John 4)

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your love.

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## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

- **March 17**  
  - Kris Hipple
  - March 17  
  - Kim & Ken Delfing
- **March 19**  
  - Liam Benko
- **March 20**  
  - Debra Chermonte
  - Barb Miotti
- **March 21**  
  - Wendy Cooper
presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

Old Testament Reading
Exodus 17:1-7
OT 64

Children’s Sermon

Penny Sunday
Today’s offering will go toward purchasing Easter basket items for those who receive assistance from Oxcart Pantry.

Prayers of the People
Joys and Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Exodus 17)
Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, and grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Exodus 17, Romans 5, John 4)
Our hope and assurance rest in God’s unfailing love and forgiveness. Open your hearts and minds and souls that the healing waters of God’s never-ending love and forgiveness may flow into and over you. Know that in this love and forgiveness you have encountered the living God.

The Lord’s Prayer
UMH 895

Choral Response to Prayer

Anthem
An Hour of Hallowed Peace
Steve Danyew

The Offering

Offertory
Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord
L. Mason/J. Spong

*Doxology
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH 95

*Offering Prayer

Gospel Reading
John 4:5-42
NT 94

Hymn
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
UMH 500

Sermon
“Living Water”
Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

*Closing Hymn
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
UMH 127

*Benediction (Exodus 17, Romans 5, John 4)
We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ. We have been refreshed by living water. Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires. Be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you and with you always. Amen.

*Choral Response

*Postlude
Postlude in E minor
A. Hesse

The altar flowers are given in memory of Jeremy on his birthday by his two aunts, Josh and Guylene.

Serving Today in Worship:
Greeters: Frank & Sandi O’Dell
Reader: Chris Byrns
Usher: Beth Cruz
Acolyte: Morgan Chapman
Nursery: Tammy Moore/ Sydney Busser

Serving March 22:
Greeter: Darlene Owings
Reader: Joel Chermonte
Ushers: Jennifer & Michael Gaydos
Acolyte: Sydney Busser
Nursery: Jean Scothon/Makena Chapman