

Prayer Concerns

- Jerry & Julia Schwomeyer
- Family & Friends of Bud Beard
- Friends & family of Ted Williamson
- John & Gretchen Young
- Larry Hiatt
- Sandy Bubp
- Ethan Solis (friend of Fran Austin)

Your prayers bless these people and are heard by our gracious God.

Announcements

We invite everyone to fellowship hour following the service. Today's host: Phil & Linda Frantz.

Thank you to Jennifer Rupe for providing music for today's service.

Pastor Rex's office hours will generally be on Monday mornings. You may also contact him at 609.920.4050 (mobile), 765.529.1996 (home), or email at rex@espiritu.net.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 41

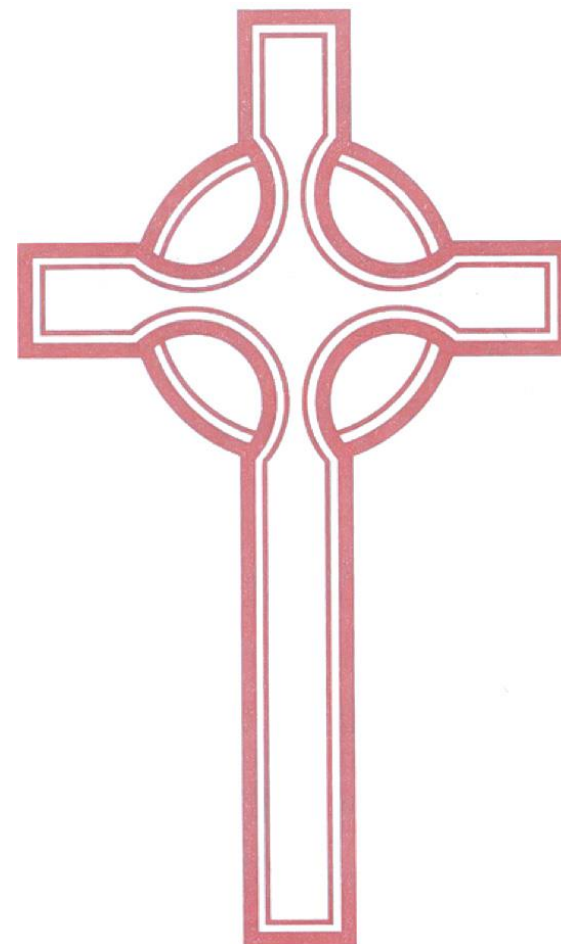
Last Sunday's Offering: \$980.00

Lectionary readings for March 22, 2020

I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23:
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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Our Vision Statement

"To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God's love."

3rd Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *Fountain Medley* Rodriguez

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

Choral Introit "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" No. 597

Prayer of Praise

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, you who are thirsty—

People: here is living water.

Leader: Come, you who are weary—

People: here is the fount of eternal life.

Leader: Let us drink from the well of grace.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 356

***Call to Confession**

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Lord, time and again, you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed and look into the eyes of a stranger, and we are astonished. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division; while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is—the healing of the world. Astonish us with your grace, O God, that we might move from surprise to service, and from doubt to faithfulness. By your Spirit, inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

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.

***We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

SHARING IN OFFERING FOR THE WORD

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* Croft/Berry

***Doxology No. 592**-all to sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Anthem "Draw Me Near the Cross" Crosby/Doane

*Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.*

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.*

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.*

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died;

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to Thy bleeding side,

Thy bleeding side, Thy precious bleeding side.

*Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river. I will find rest.*

Old Testament Reading Psalm 95

Hymn (seated) "Jesus Loves Me" No. 304
*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong: They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message Pete Vogler
(Children ages K-6th grade may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading John 4:5-42

Sermon "By The Well" The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

Choral Response "Amen" No. 584

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 281

***Charge and Benediction**
(Please be seated for the Choral Benediction & Postlude)

Choral Benediction "Song of Simeon" No. 605

Postlude *Da Jesus An Dem Kreuze Stund* Scheidt
(As Jesus Hung Upon the Cross)

***Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

Please remember to sign the attendance pad then pass it to your neighbor.

Serving Today

Liturgist Mary McCord
Ushers Bob Morehous and Carolyn Scott
Sound Technician Eric Byrum
Acolyte Madeline Benirschke
Childcare During Worship (infant-PreK) Carol Knight

Church Calendar: March 15-22, 2020

TODAY 3rd Sunday in Lent
9:00am Worship
10:05am Fellowship
10:15am Sunday School

TUESDAY 4:00pm Foundation Meeting

THURSDAY 5:30pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 4th Sunday in Lent
9:00am Worship
10:05am Fellowship
10:15am Sunday School

Church Staff

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