

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 12, 2023



Matisse, Henri (1869-1954)

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS\*\*

PRELUDE *Come Thou Fount of every Blessing*

Gilbert Martin  
(b. 1949)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Gulsoy

We gather to catch our breath in our Lenten journey,  
**Here we find an oasis of calm: space to rest, reflect, and renew.**  
The way is long, and we are weary.  
**We seek a wellspring of living water, to quench our thirst.**  
Pour out your Spirit, God, to refresh and revive us,  
**as we join our hearts to worship you.**

\*HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, you created us, know us, and call us by name:  
Too often we allow our differences to divide us and refuse to seek common ground.  
Our worries leave us dry and parched, longing for an oasis of acceptance  
and the reassurance of love.  
We try to go it alone, forgetting that you reach out to us,  
offering streams of water that will never run dry.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Drown out the doubts that overwhelm us, and give us hope for new life again.  
We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...**

KYRIE 834 *Precious Lord, take my hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand;  
lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*ACT OF PRAISE 535 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### HEBREW BIBLE READING Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

MUSIC *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Richard Blake  
(b. 1990)

Holy wisdom, holy Word...  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 476 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

CRASHING WATERS

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing

Deb Colmers

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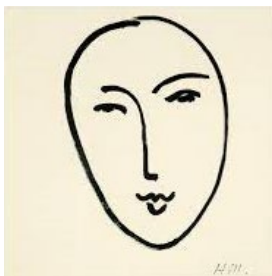
OFFERTORY *Walkin' to Jordan*

arr. Jay Althouse  
(b. 1951)

PRAY IN COLOR

Jesus offered the Samaritan woman living water, drawn from a well that will never run dry. For what do you thirst? Are there parts of your life or of the world that are dry and parched, in need of refreshment from lifegiving water?

Think of a word or phrase to describe that for which you thirst...You can also bring to mind the name of a place (in the world, or in your life) in need of water. Pray for a healing river to flow in every place it is needed.



The Matisse theme this week is simple black line drawing. You can write or draw on black paper with a white china marker, or use a black marker on white paper to write or draw your prayer.

Cut out your prayer into an organic shape and bring it forward as an offering.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 623 *I've Got Peace like a River*

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Marche*

Alexander Guilmant  
(1837-1911)

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

REV. CAT DODSON GOODRICH, *Pastor*  
DR. SAMUEL SPRINGER, *Minister of Music & Organist*  
NANCY GULSOY, *Liturgist*  
THE CHANCEL CHOIR  
PATRICK BAKER, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*  
ANDY FULLER, *Audio/Camera*

\*\*JOYS AND CONCERNS: We are a community who prays with and for each other. There is a book in the narthex where you may write your joys and concerns to be included in the Prayers of the People and shared in our weekly prayer chain email. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please email [faithchurchbalt@gmail.com](mailto:faithchurchbalt@gmail.com).

### THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

*Our partners in Cuba*

*Faith's homebound members and  
those receiving long-term care*

*The people of Ukraine*

*Victims of gun violence*

*The people of Syria and Turkey*

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!

THE FORUM: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.

### OBSERVE LENT AT FAITH

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22. There are several opportunities to reflect, connect, pray, and create to practice your faith this season:

A Lenten devotional, *Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent*, will be available to guide your own daily prayer at home. The devotional will also guide our conversation and learning in the Forum. A small group will meet on Monday mornings from 8-9 at Belvedere Square to reflect on the devotional together.

In worship, we will pray in color each week, creating banners inspired by the work of Henri Matisse to adorn our sanctuary.

Join a Lenten book study on Zoom with Govans and Knox Presbyterian Churches at 7 on Thursdays. The group will read and discuss *Burying White Privilege: Resurrecting A Badass Christianity*. The author, Rev. Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre will join them for the first session on March 2nd. Please email Andy Wilson, [wilson@govanspres.org](mailto:wilson@govanspres.org), to sign up.