



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday in Lent

Worship is a time to move close to God and receive spiritual energy for living courageously and serving others faithfully.

Prelude Voluntary on "Third Tune" David Lasky

Welcome

Choral Introit "Fill My Cup, Lord" Richard Blanchard

*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: The way is long, and we are thirsty.

People: We seek the living waters of Jesus.

Leader: We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

People: We need the living waters of Jesus.

Leader: We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, *here and now.*

People: As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

People: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577

*Affirmation of Faith See Insert

Old Testament Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

Prayer of Confession

Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a testy 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

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.

Prayer for the Pastor

Anthem "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach

*New Testament Scripture John 4:1-26

Message Pastor Rodney Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Amazing Grace" UMH #378

Announcements

Dedicating Our Resources to God

Offertory Via Dolorosa James Conley

*Response Doxology, UMH #95

**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**

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude

*Please Stand if able



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