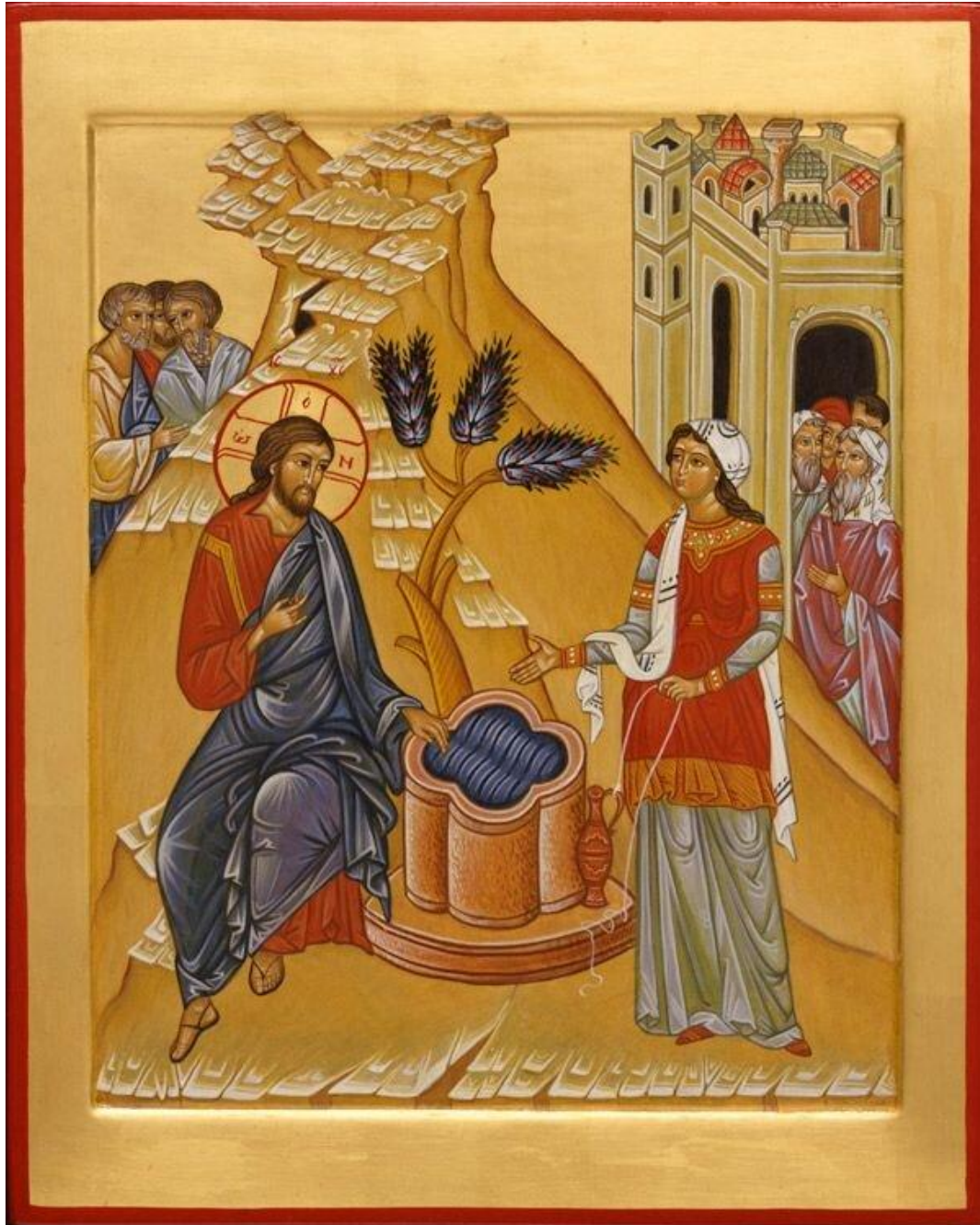


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Third Sunday in Lent  
March 12, 2023**

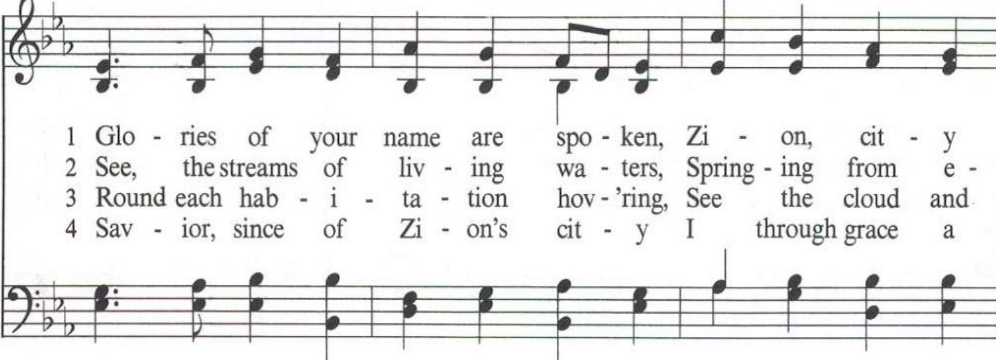


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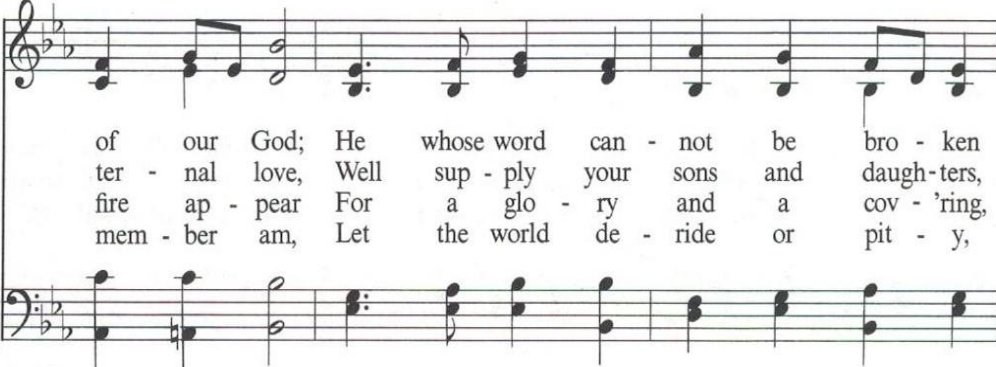
HYMN ~ *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken*

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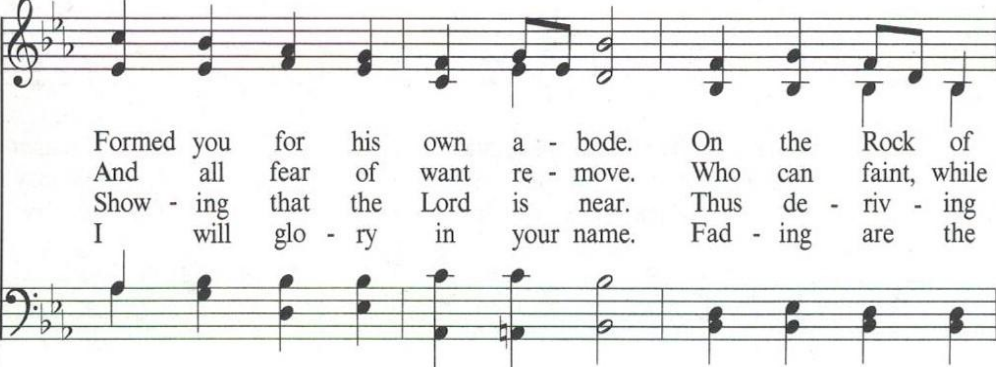
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*Glories of Your Name Are Spoken*


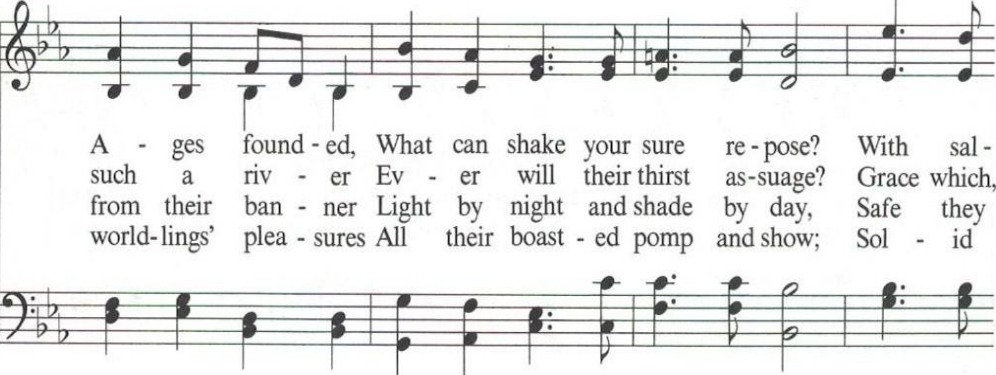
1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and  
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken  
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,  
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,  
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y,

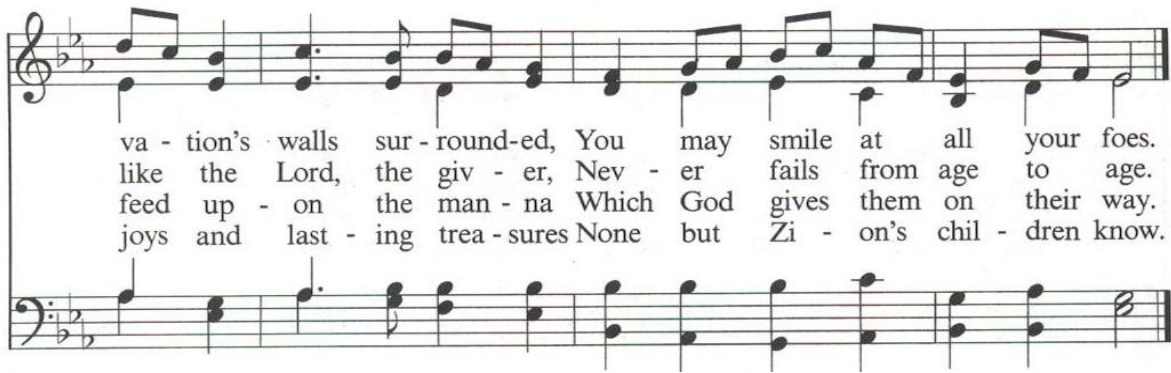


Formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of  
 And all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while  
 Show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing  
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the



A - ges found - ed, What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -  
 such a riv - er Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
 from their ban - ner Light by night and shade by day, Safe they  
 world - lings' plea - sures All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id

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### \*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

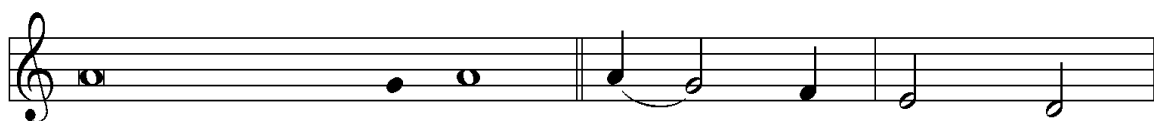
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



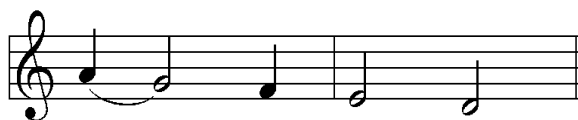
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



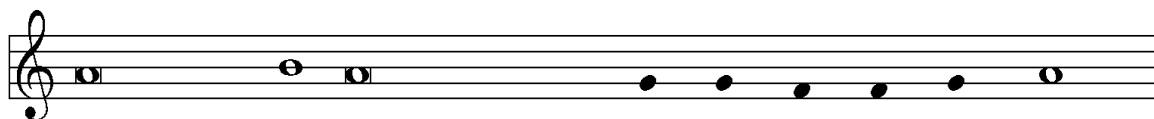
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



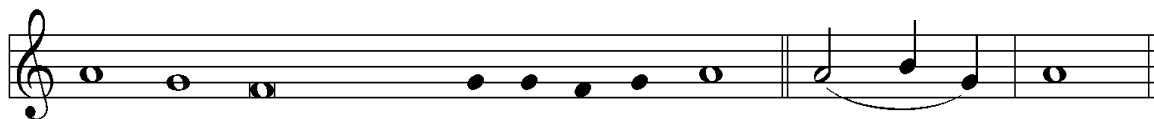
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



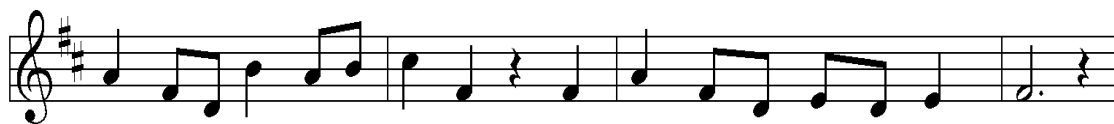
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

**\*HYMN of PRAISE**

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men



**\*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**

  
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray...

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## LESSONS

\*First Lesson ~ A reading from Exodus 17:1-7

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

\*Psalm 95 ~ *with response*

\*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 5:1-11

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

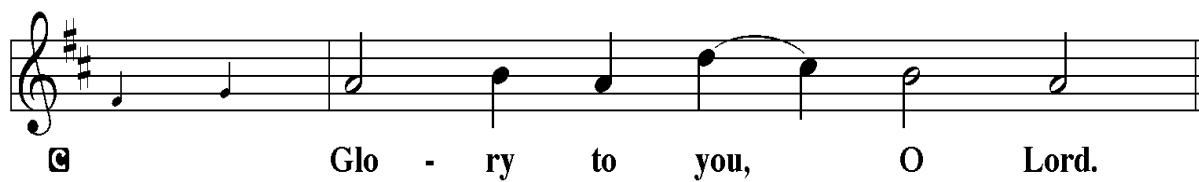
**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,

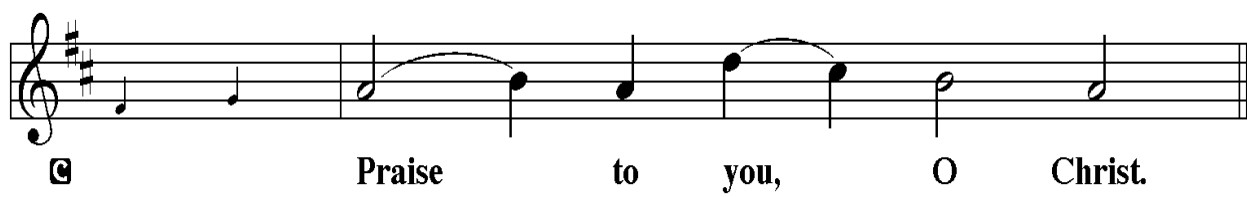
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.



*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord



**MESSAGE**

\*HYMN ~ *Amazing Grace*

LBW # 448

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 448

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re-lieved; How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me  
 Word my hope se-cures; He will my shield and

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**OFFERING ~** You may place your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

**\*OFFERTORY**


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ See Celebrate**

P Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 and ever. Amen**

**\*THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen

\*HYMN ~ *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

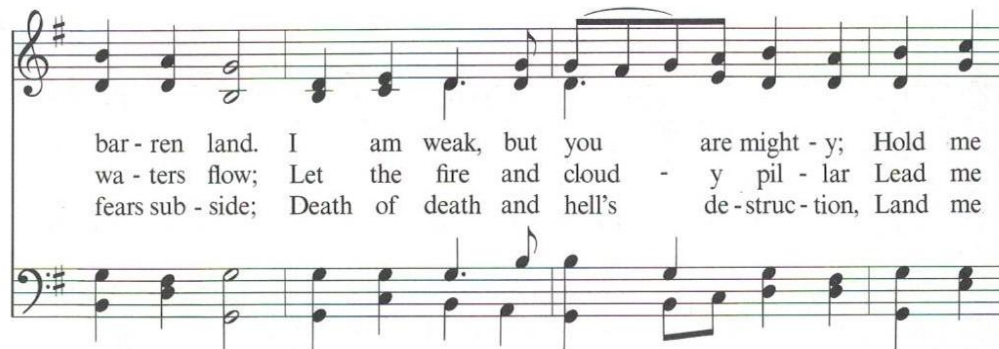
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## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

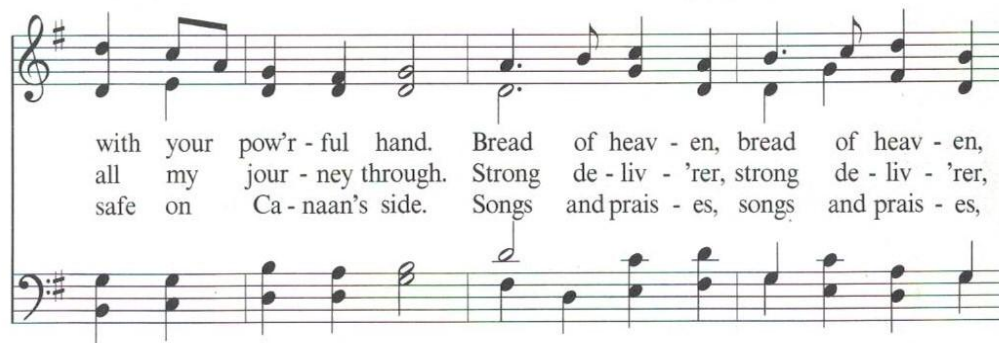
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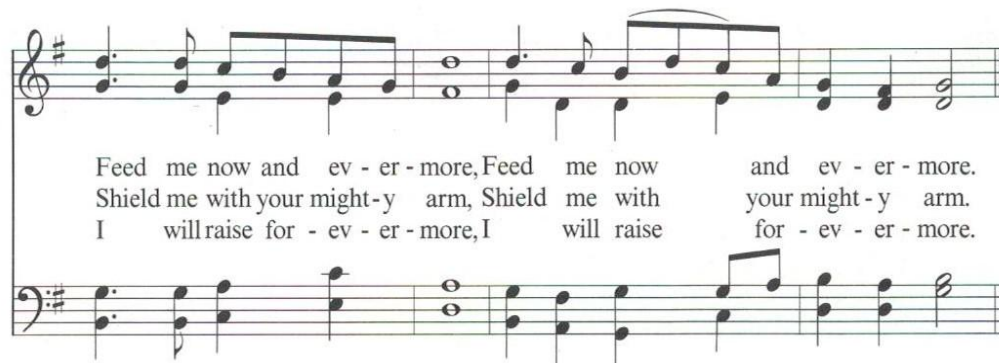
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me  
 wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



Feed me now and ev - er - more, Feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

**R** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

**Pianist:** Diane Shetler

**Today**

**Altar Care:** Brenda Boring; **Greeter:** Jami Zook

**Lay Reader:** Jami Zook; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

**Next Sunday, March 19**

**Altar Care:** Brenda Boring; **Greeter:** Edna Chester

**Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy; **Sound:** Jay Byler

**Church Office:** 935-2032; **Email us at** [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org)

**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share  
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another  
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community  
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

Please remember in prayer ~ The family and friends of Don Smith, Miriam Williamson, Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH).

**FROM the PASTOR**

Music and Worship will meet at 10:30AM Weds March 22 at St. Johns in the blue room or pastor's office. Call Jami if you need a ride.

Don Smith's service will be held Tuesday March 14.

At Valley View Chapel:

Visitation 10:00 to 11:00AM

Service: 11:00AM

At St. Johns Cemetery following service:

Commendation and Committal - Rev. Ela Robertson

Holy Week Services ~ April 6, Maundy Thursday 7pm at St. John's, and April 7, Good Friday 7pm at West Kish.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note** ~ The church office will be closed Monday through Wednesday this week.

“Water” Don Smith died on Friday, March 3. At the time of his death, he was our oldest living member. Don faithfully served our country, community and St. John's. His dedication to this church, especially overseeing our cemetery was invaluable. God blessed him with a long and purposeful life, and his presence will be missed. Please keep his children, Don, Jr., Mary Jo, Karen, sister, Edna and families in your prayers.

The March newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those persons who do not receive it by email.

“Spring Fundraiser Dinner to benefit the Central PA Clinic for Special Children and Adults. April 1<sup>st</sup> at Locust Grove Mennonite Church. Doors open at 5:30pm. At 6pm an Amish wedding-style meal will be served. Call 935-2065 to make reservations.”

A fundraiser concert for the clinic featuring Joe Bonson and Coffee Run is also being held at Kish Valley Grace Brethren Church, Reedsville on Sunday, March 6 from 5-7pm.

January 1 thru March 8, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 19    Offering ~ \$880.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 33,843.57    Expense \$ 37,467.64

Net Income \$ -3,624.07

Daycare ~ Income \$ 75,196.59    Expense \$ 69,325.57

Net Income \$ 5,871.02