

# *Central United Church*

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*Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*Third Sunday in Lent*

*We gather....*

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Maker, In Whom We Live"

Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

## **PSALM 95 (Responsive)**

*O come, let us sing to the Lord;*

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;*

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**For the Lord is a great God,**

**and a great King above all gods.**

*In his hand are the depths of the earth;*

*the heights of the mountains are his also.*

**The sea is his, for he made it,**

**and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

*O come, let us worship and bow down,*

*let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your ancestors tested me,  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.*

*For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they do not regard my ways.'*  
**Therefore in my anger I swore,  
'They shall not enter my rest.'**

Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Offering and Offertory

## *We hear....*

Old Testament Lesson: (Page 64 OT)

Exodus 17:1-7

Epistle Lesson: (Page 155 NT)

Romans 5:1-11

Hymn: "What Love, my God"

Gospel Lesson: (Page 94 NT)

John 4:5-42

Message: **I am he, the one who is speaking to you**

## *We respond.....*

Hymn: "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say"

Pastoral Prayers

Commissioning and Blessing

## *Next Week's Bible Readings*

*We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation  
for next Sunday, Fourth Sunday in Lent*

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

## *Take Note*

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