

## Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Holy Communion

*Setting Four*

Prelude

Tierce en taille – Couperin

### GATHERING

Order for Confession

*Red Book (front): Page 94*

and Forgiveness

770 **Give Me Jesus**

Gathering Hymn

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Greeting

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Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Gospel Acclamation

*Red Book (front): Page 151 Return to the Lord*

Gospel

John 4:5-42

Teaching

Hymn of the Day

332 **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

### MEAL

Nicene Creed

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The Prayers

*Hear us, O God. R/Your mercy is great.*

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Anthem

Expectans Expectavi – Wood

Offertory Hymn

*Hymn 186 Create in Me*

Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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*Our Father in Heaven*

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

496 **One Bread, One Body**

### SENDING

Post Communion

*Hymn 201 Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant*

Blessing

Hymn

647 **Glorious Things of You are Spoken**

Postlude

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# WELCOME!

## WORSHIP NOTES & MORE

**We are glad you came to worship God with us today. We hope you will feel at home as you spend this time here.** Should you have any needs, our ushers are available to assist you. Please sign the guest register on the large table by the door before you leave – and introduce yourself to the pastor – we would love to stay in touch!

The liturgy and hymns are found in the Red Worship Book. We offer our thanks to today's preacher and presider, the **Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson**, Assisting Minister **Joan Hartwig**, and field placement student **Nathan Hicks**.

### Prayers this week:

- For those who mourn the death of Margaret Heidt
- For Dorothea, and Ab
- For those affected by viruses
- For those affected by conflict in the Middle East
- For the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- For the people and leadership of St. Paul's, Bridgeport
- For Sanctuary Refugee Health Centre
- For Reception House
- For those who struggle – with bills, with securing food to eat, with finding a home, with finding shelter
- For our Board Leadership Team
- For Joel, Chuck, and Sandra

Please keep in mind the **Prayer Request forms** if there's someone you'd like on our prayer list. Bright yellow forms are at the back of the church and on the narthex table: please return them to Pastor Mark.

**Thank you** for also worshipping with your offering today.

Our **Lenten Offering** this year will go to support two local agencies.

**Reception House** <https://receptionhouse.ca/> and

**thresholds** <https://www.thresholdssupports.ca/home.htm> who do great work in our local community. For members who are on PAR there are Lenten offering envelopes on the front entrance table. To ensure you receive credit for your offering (cash or cheque) please use an offering envelope marked with your name, address, and if a member, your envelope number.

Pastor Mark will be out of the office from March 13-19. Should you require the immediate assistance of a pastor, please call the **Rev. Joanne Pepler** at 519-579-5309. Please note that the on-call pastor is unable to respond to food voucher requests.

# Think...

Read John 4:5-42

It is an ordinary day. Jesus is tired from the journey and stops by a well at noon. A Samaritan woman comes to the well to get water. Unlike the other women who get their water in the cool of the morning, she comes alone in the heat of the day.

- *What do you know about Samaritans?*
- *What do you know about the role of women in the times of Jesus?*
- *How is being a Samaritan and a woman a double concern for credibility in the first century?*
- *What might restrict the Samaritan woman from mingling with the other women at the well?*

The conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has a similar pattern as the one between Jesus and Nicodemus described in John 3:1-21. Both conversations begin in a comfort zone, before Jesus shifts the discussion to a deeper theological level. The woman and Jesus begin by talking about water. That makes sense. They are standing by a well. The water is a common denominator and serves as an ice-breaker.

- *What can we learn from Jesus about talking to strangers about faith?*
- *Why is it unusual for Jesus to have a theological conversation with a woman?*

The Samaritan woman is not foolish or ignorant. She is well aware of the division between Jews and Samaritans as well as the roles of men and women. She even knows about her ancestor Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel. She is not going to be taken in by this stranger at the well. He talks like he knows a great deal about water, but in reality, where is his bucket?

Jesus is not joking. "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14 NRSV)

- *What is living water?*
- *What does it mean to never be thirsty again?*
- *Why is Jesus taking all this time to teach a Samaritan woman?*

The conversation shifts again as they discuss her five husbands in addition to the current man who is not her husband. She is shocked at the intimate details known by this stranger. Yet, his words are not spoken in judgment and condemnation. His gift of salvation and eternal life transcends the actions of her past. The woman makes the connection between the words of this stranger and the anticipation of the coming of a Messiah. She abruptly leaves her water jar to go tell others. One of the most shocking parts of this story is found at the end of the story. "Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony." (John 4:39 NRSV)

- *What surprises you about his story?*

Some material and images, in today's worship guide and worship service, come from Sundays and Seasons (www.sundaysandseasons.com, by subscription; accessed Mar 11/20). Material for the THINK sheet (edited), comes from John and Robin McCullough-Bade, *Daily Discipleship*, elca.org, accessed Mar 11/20.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March Monthly MISSION – OODLES OF NOODLES.** All shapes and colours of pasta noodles for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.

Please join us for the **Men's Breakfast this Wednesday, March 18 at 8 am** at Kypreos Restaurant on Lancaster Street West, Kitchener. Our speaker is Dr. Paul Georgopoulos, Chiropractor. Dr. Paul will be asking for questions from us and will share his answers. Come prepared to ask questions as this could be very helpful to you. See you there.

Every year on **Palm Sunday**, many faith communities will gather palm branches and wave them in remembrance of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. For Palm Sunday, in place of palm branches, we will use some desperately needed textiles identified by our neighbours at oneROOF Youth Services. We will join our forebears, as in years before, in a combination of celebratory parade and lament. Pondering the last day of freedom for Jesus in the city, we will connect the themes of love, hardship, and loss, recognizing that many of our neighbours are struggling and that we, as people of faith, cannot remain idle. This year we will endeavor to use Palm Sunday to move towards hope and action and sincerely hope that you will join in. oneROOF Youth Services is committed to providing for the safety, support and overall well-being of youth who are experiencing homelessness, and youth who are at-risk of homelessness, aged 12-25, in Waterloo Region and they are in need of **bath towels, dish towels, and dish cloths**. You are invited to purchase as many of these items as you can and bring them along on April 5 when our procession will also be a walk with oneROOF as they respond with compassion to youth who need help.

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**Calling all affirmation aged youth! March's affirmation gathering will be on March 28 at Mount Zion Lutheran Church (Westmount Rd)** The day begins at 9:00am and typically goes until 12:30pm. Sand just because you have already affirmed your baptism doesn't mean you can't join in these amazing gatherings...the learning and fun and experiences don't have to stop. Questions and RSVP's to Pastor Mark.

**Amazing Greys** will meet on Wednesday, **March 25 at 10:30 am**. Our speaker will be **David Clark, Detective, Waterloo Regional Police Service** who will speak to us about current fraud trends, computer safety and identity theft. Hope to see you there.

**Flowers are a simple way to glorify God** and beautify the worship space. Beginning again on Easter Sunday you are invite to support the Flower Fund by dedicating your donation in honor of someone, in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. **Help us celebrate this coming Easter Sunday;** your dedication will be printed in the worship bulletin. Contact the church office at [davidroth@stpeterskw.ca](mailto:davidroth@stpeterskw.ca) or  [\(519\) 745-4705 ext.30](tel:(519)745-4705)

As part of our responsibility as an organizer of regular public gatherings and in order to assist with prevention measures during the current COVID-19 global health crisis, St. Peter's would like to remind everyone of best practice measures that we can participate in to reduce the spread of any viral illness, especially during cold and flu season:

1. Please do not come to church or planned church programming if you are sick, have a cough, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea or other symptoms of viral illness. Even if you feel well enough to participate, any of these symptoms are enough to infect others who may become more ill than you have been. Stay at home if you have any symptoms of illness.
2. Practice good hand hygiene - wash your hands with soap and water for 25 seconds, using plenty of friction and rinse and dry well with disposable towels.
3. Avoid touching your eyes and face - this prevents germs from entering your body through eyes, mouth and nose and causing infection.
4. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve; use a disposable tissue to blow your nose and throw it in the garbage immediately after use (do not keep it in your pocket or sleeve for use later on!!)

These very basic practices are very effective in reducing the amount of illness that circulates in our communities and represent the best way for everyone to participate in controlling the spread of viral illness. Should you find yourself with symptoms of illness, and are concerned, please contact your health care provider by phone for assessment and further instruction. Please know that at St. Peter's, we have everyone's health in mind and are following direction from Public Health sources to ensure that we are doing our best to safeguard the health and wellbeing of everyone in the St. Peter's community as well as in the larger community around us. There may come a time when we will need to further restrict our activities, especially larger gatherings. We will keep you informed if and when other measures need to be implemented.

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