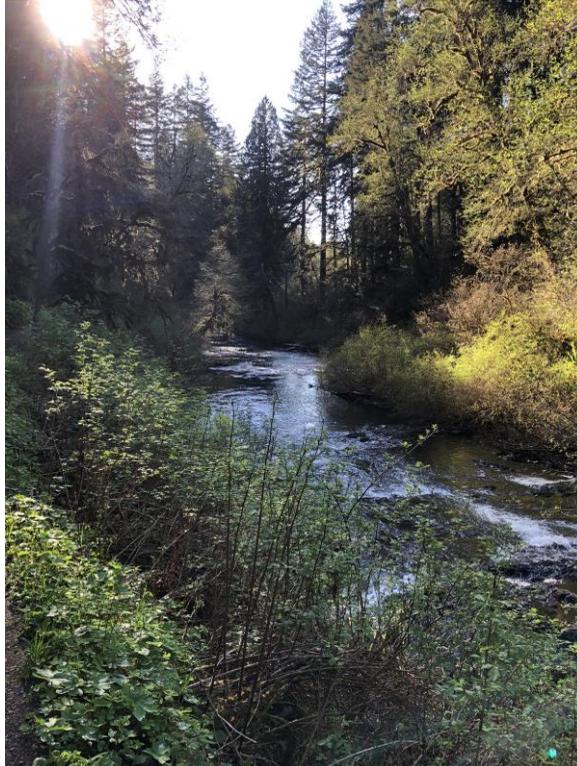


March 15, 2020
Communion@8:30 & Classic@10:30
Third Sunday of Lent
Revive: Biblical Themes for a Fresh Start



Exodus 17:1-7
“Clean Water for Thirsty People”

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*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome

Introit (10:30) *Beside a Stream of Living Water*, arr. Keesecker Wesleyan Choir

*Call to Worship

One: Jesus invites the weary and the heavily burdened to come to him and find rest.

All: Jesus invites the worried and the anxious to look at how God provides for all of God's creation, the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.

One: Jesus who wept for his friend and over Jerusalem invites the disappointed, the grieving, the frustrated, to weep and believe that joy will return.

All: Jesus says to thirsty people, such thirsty people, "I am the living water."

One: Jesus invites us, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

All: Jesus, we come as we are to you. Be living water for us. Revive us with your Spirit and refresh us as we worship God today.

*Opening Hymn *UMH # 428*

For the Healing of the Nations

*Unison Prayer (The Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, 20th C.)

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children's Message (8:30)

Children's Anthem (10:30) The Books of the Bible Song 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders
Leader: Liberty Weyandt, Childrens' Ministry Volunteer

Children are always welcome in worship. We also invite children, ages 4 through 5th grade, to a special learning time, "Loving God, Loving Neighbor," following the Children's Time. We also provide a nursery for younger children.

Sung Response *TFWS#2030*

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in God and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my savior.

Introduction of St. Paul's Church Council Members

Concerns of the Community and Pastoral Prayer

The 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. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Morning Message

Clean Water for Thirsty People

Rev. Dr. Jeff Sterling

Musical Reflection

Offertory Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Communion Music *Surely He Bore Our Grievs*, David De Vidal

Mary Lou Walter

Prayer after Communion

*Benediction and Blessing

*Closing Hymn *UMH #671*

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

*Postlude

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

PASTORS: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sterling, Rev. Karen Slusser (8:30)

ORGANIST: Alaine Fink

CANTOR: (8:30) Mary Lou Walter

MUSIC: (10:30) Wesleyan Choir

INTERIM CHOIR DIRECTOR: (10:30) Dr. Alexandra Gregory

ACOLYTES:

NURSERY: Abigail Mendoza, Amanda Masters, Alyssa Fazzini

Flowers are presented to the glory of God...

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Ministers: All the people of the church

Leadership Team

Lead Pastor

Pastor

Director of Music and Worship Ministries

Director of Youth Ministries

Director of Children's Ministries

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Rev. Karen Slusser

J. Thomas Taylor

Tami D. Weisner

Erin Soza

Rev. Dr. Ron Hoellein

OUR PURPOSE

To make disciples of Jesus Christ

OUR MISSION

St. Paul's is a welcoming broad-based community of faith centered in Jesus Christ, engaging the spiritual gifts of our people, and sharing the grace of God with all persons.

OUR VISION

We will be an inclusive, diverse church, loving others according to the teachings of Jesus and working for justice and peace in our world.

WELCOMING STATEMENT

St. Paul's United Methodist Church celebrates the sacred worth and value of all people. We welcome all who seek a home in this house of God with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We invite people of every age, race, ethnicity, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, diverse ability, or legal status to join us on a journey toward full participation and service in Christ's church.