



*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

8 March 2026 – 10:30 AM
Third Sunday in Lent

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

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- PRELUDE "O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig" Johann Pachelbel
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist
- WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor
- *GATHERING SONG 1) in unison 2) repeated as a round Navajo Traditional
**Now I walk in beauty.
Beauty is before me.
Beauty is behind me, above and below me.**
- *CALL TO WORSHIP in dialogue with *Psalm 95* Susie Land, liturgist
One: O come, let us sing to God;
All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
One: In God's love is a fountain of eternal life.
All: In the waters of God's righteousness there is joy everlasting.
- *HYMN 247 [hymn sheet] *My Shepherd Is the Living God* CONSOLATION
- *PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL
One: Where we have seen pain without being moved, smothered your love with solemn pride, resigned to injustice and forsaken righteousness...
All: Lord, have mercy.
One: Where we have spoken of love more than we have shared it, claimed faith without the discipline of living by your word, pointed the finger of blame while ignoring our own sin...
All: Christ, have mercy.
One: For false comforts in the face of suffering, for excuses in the face of misery...
All: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.
- *WORDS OF ASSURANCE
- BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS
- *GREETING OF PEACE

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "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." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

ANTHEM

Come to the Water

John B. Foley, S.J.

CHANCEL CHOIR • Cheryl Anderson, director

SERMON

Come to the Water

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

Songs & Prayers from Taizé

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.

Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Solo Dios basta.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

...concluding with *A Prayer in the Spirit of Jesus*

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.

And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

OFFERTORY

"Sanctus" from *Requiem*

Maurice Duruflé

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*



*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:

to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;

to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;

to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;

to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;

to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;

for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.

*HYMN 18 [hymn sheet]

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

CWM RHONNDA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D Minor

Johann Jacob Froberger

My Shepherd Is the Living God

Ps. 23; John 10:11, 27-30

Composite from Thomas Sternhold, 1549, and Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

C G C G7 C F G F C

1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

Am G C F G Am G7 C G C

In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.
 A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7

You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—

Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C

And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
 My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts, London's leading Congregational minister, wrote more than 600 hymns. His paraphrase of Psalm 23 has been altered here by combining a few phrases from Thomas Sternhold, a sixteenth-century English hymnwriter who also wrote metrical psalm texts.

Tune: CONSOLATION C.M.D.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Harm. Erik Routley, 1976
 Alternate tune: CRIMOND (Each stanza above becomes two stanzas.)

GOD

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Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

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

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION