

Sunday, February 5 , 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRELUDE

Hymn # 316 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather here today in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: God's love is real and full for us and for all people everywhere.

People: Sharing God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

Leader: The living Christ is with us as we gather.

People: Let us worship as we praise the Lord!

*WORDS OF BLESSING FOR EACH OTHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people. When we attribute your miracles in this world and in our lives to our own hands alone, forgive us. Every time we promise to trust you but turn to our own way, be merciful to us. When we refuse to forgive others, show us what it means to fully love when the way is hard. When we put our own understanding above your wisdom, or resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us, enable us to put aside self-interest and live the way of peace. Forgive us when we speak and act when we shouldn't and the times when we don't speak or act when we should . . .

[in silence we confess our own private sin . . .] **Forgive us, Loving God, and quench our thirst with your grace. Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG "The Name of Jesus" Praise Band

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Jesus Changes Everything For the Perceptive"

Scripture: John 4 : 1-26

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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SONG "In the Garden"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Some of our today's worship material is adapted from Life in Liturgy. <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com>, *Thirsting for Grace: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday of Lent*, written by the Rev. Renee C. Jackson and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways>, Rev Abi Long on her Winding Road blog. <http://vicarofwadley.blogspot.ca> and connectusfund.org.

Session has set a date for ERPC's Annual Congregational Meeting that will include information on our 2023 budget and other reports and updates of a timely nature. Please plan to attend in person if at all possible. Virtual attendance will also be offered. The meeting will begin at the end of worship on February 19.

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