

**8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**March 12, 2023**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Pastor Heidi currently serves as staff chaplain at IU North University Hospital. Prior to joining the IU team, Pastor Heidi served congregations in Carmel, IN, Dallas and Austin, TX, Moorhead, MN, Geneva, IL, and Las Vegas, NV. While serving in Austin, she was instrumental in planting a Lutheran mission congregation in Spicewood, TX, which she co-served for a time.

Pastor Heidi has always had a love for chaplaincy. While serving as a parish pastor, she also served as a police chaplain for the Austin, Fargo, Moorhead, and New Orleans Police Departments, the Moorhead Fire Department, hospitals (adult and child) in Columbus, OH and Las Vegas, NV. She has ministered in prisons, domestic violence shelters, senior living, and recovery centers.

Pastor Heidi graduated from the University of Kansas with a BA in Psychology and a BA in Germanic Languages and Literature. She has an MS from the University of Memphis in Psychology and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH.

Pr. Heidi is married to Robert, and they have a daughter.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE: Prelude (from Organ Book, no. 1) – J. Langlais**

## BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

*During the Confession you may either stand or kneel as you are able.*

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C. Amen.**

P. Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence for reflection*

P. Holy God,

**C. we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

P. Hear the good news; God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C. Amen.**



## GATHERING HYMN: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE:



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P. The Lord be with you

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## READINGS FOR TODAY

### FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

*See below*

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**PSALM 95** - *Spoken responsively, the Pastor speaks the verses in regular print and congregation speaks the verses in **bold** print.*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.  
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup>**Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger,  
'They shall never come to my rest.'

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11***see back of bulletin*

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

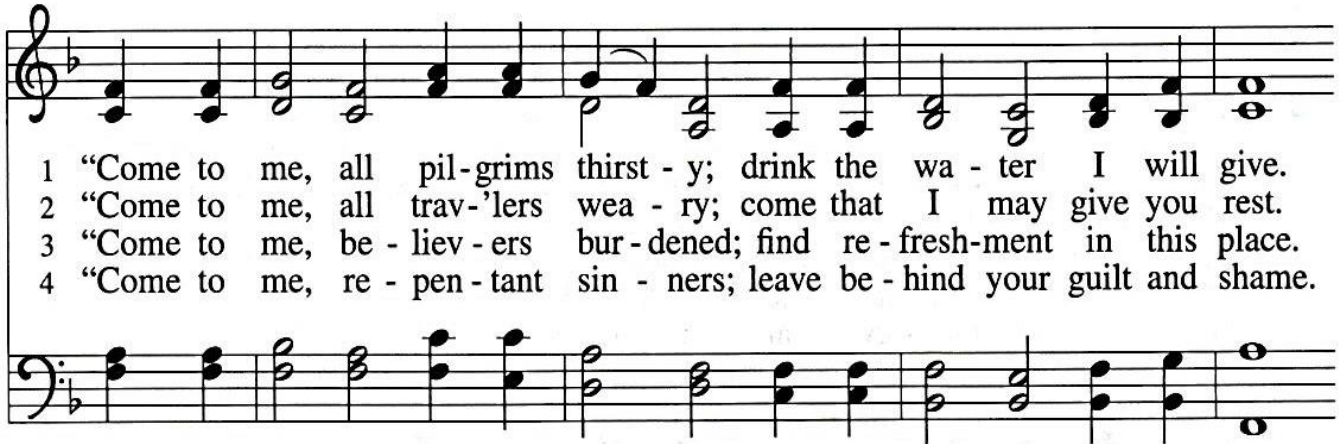
*Please stand as you are able***GOSPEL:** The Holy Gospel according to **St. John 4:5-42***see back of bulletin***C. Glory to you, O Lord.***After the reading of the Gospel:*

P. The Gospel of the Lord"

**C. Praise to you O Christ.***Sit***SERMON:****Rev. Heidi Schwerdtfeger-Jones**

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"



1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.  
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.  
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

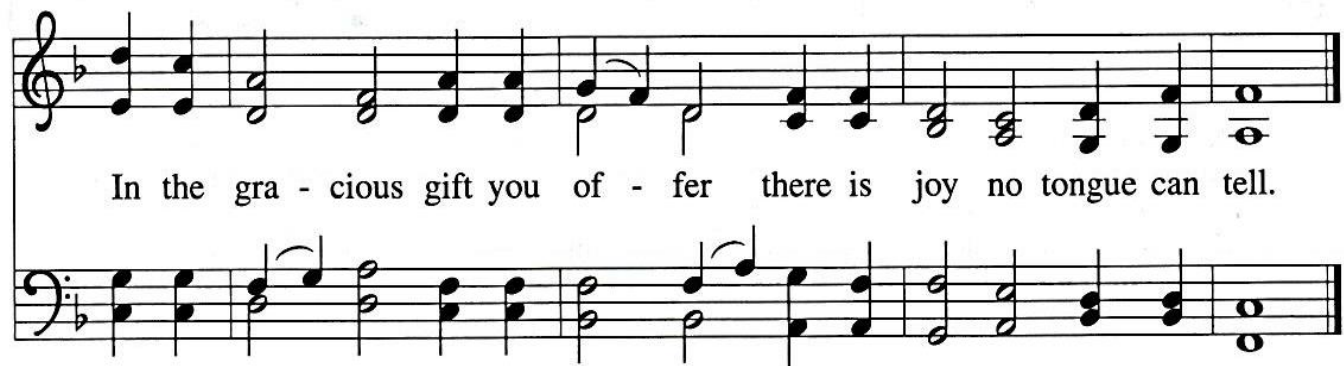


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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**APOSTLES' CREED:**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Sit*

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "Be Still For the Presence of the Lord" – David J. Evans**

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one, is here.*

*Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.*

*In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;*

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.*

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;*

*He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.*

*How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!*

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;*

*He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.*

*No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

*Please stand as you are able*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**P.** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each prayer:*

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:**

*(The offering is presented as the Offertory is sung by the congregation.)*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
 hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and  
 give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P. Merciful Father,

**C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**COMMUNION LITURGY**

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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 and ever. Amen.**



*Sit*

## HOLY COMMUNION:

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the “real presence” of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please stand as you are able*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

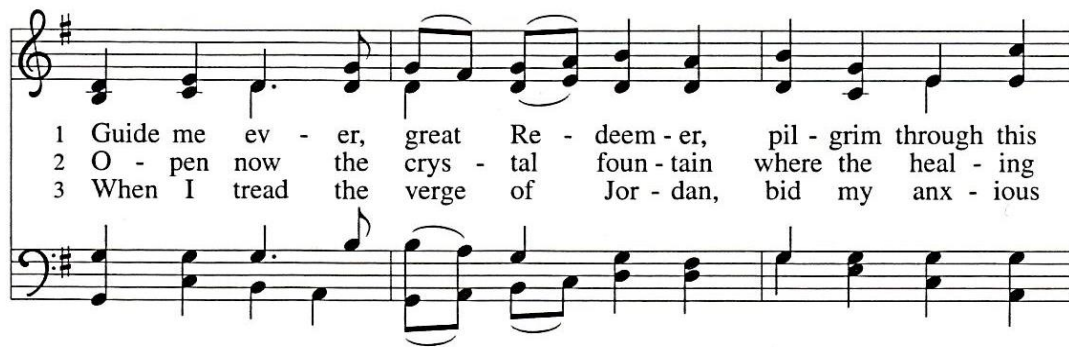
C: Amen

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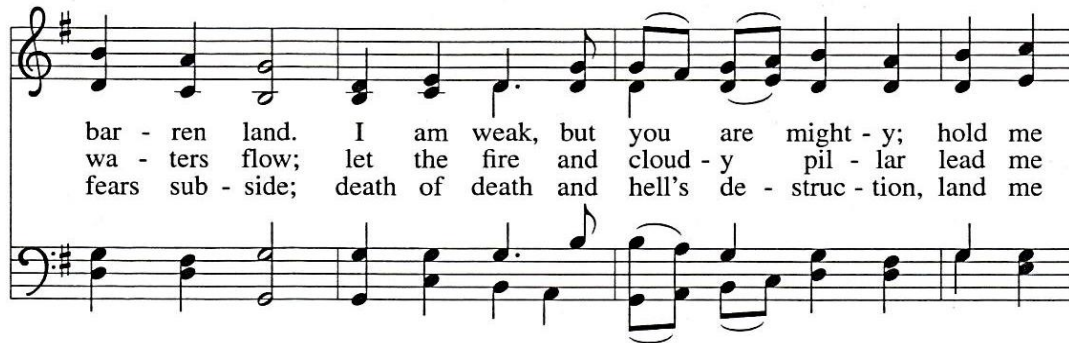
P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

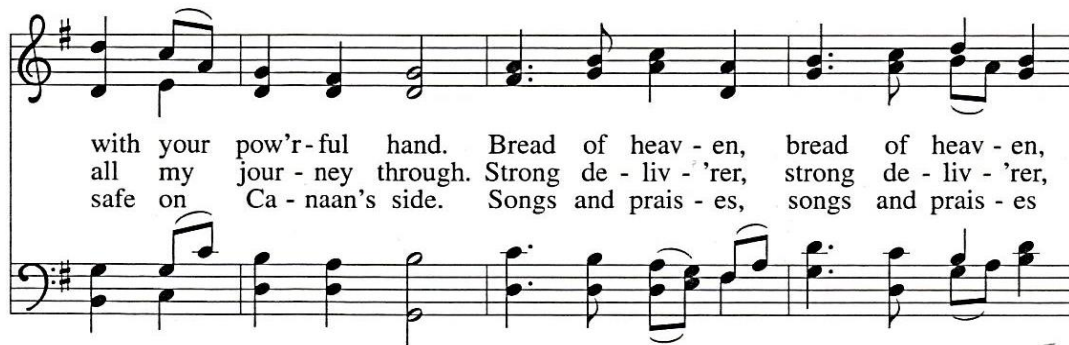
## SENDING HYMN: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"



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



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



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams,  
 1722-1796, alt.  
 Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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**DISMISSAL:**

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: "Guide Me Ever, Great Jehovah" – T. Beck**

Today's altar flowers are given by Gordon Starr in memory of Jane Starr.