

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Communion Sunday  
The Second Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2023 A.D.**

**Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor**

Gathering Music  
Welcome & Announcements  
Prelude

Call to worship

L: Prepare your minds for action, discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you.

**P: As He who called you is Holy, be Holy yourselves in all your conduct.**

L: For it is written, "You shall be Holy, for I am Holy."

**P: Trust in the God who raised Him and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Therefore, let us praise His name this day. Amen.**

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all, let us pray . . .

In Unison: ***We seek you on the mountaintop, O God, for we fear to face the city. We would rather be dazzled by your splendor on some Sinai than obey your commands in the urban wilderness. We find it easier to worship the wonder-working Jesus than to follow the Christ, who was obedient unto death. Merciful God, forgive our shallow ways. Help us to find you wherever you choose to dwell, and to serve you wherever you choose to send us . . . Amen.***

Silent Confession

***(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)***

## Assurance of Pardon (**Pastor**)

It is with never-ending love and mercy that God grants us forgiveness. In Him alone, we are forgiven. Amen.

\*Our Response ***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

\*Hymn - ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #263***

The Morning Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 12:1-7; John 4:1-26

Deuteronomy 12:1-7      New International Version      **The One Place of Worship**

**12** These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you to possess—as long as you live in the land. <sup>2</sup> Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains, on the hills and under every spreading tree, where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods. <sup>3</sup> Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places.

<sup>4</sup> You must not worship the LORD your God in their way. <sup>5</sup> But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go; <sup>6</sup> there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. <sup>7</sup> There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you.

John 4:1-26      New International Version      **Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman**

**4** Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— <sup>2</sup> although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup> Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.<sup>[a]</sup>)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

<sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

<sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

Sermon: ***Parched Lips and Living Water***

\*Hymn - ***Let Us Break Bread Together #513***

The Invitation to Communion (Elements to be served Plated)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn #592)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Sending forth and Benediction

\*Choral response           ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

***God be with you till we meet again, by His counsel guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.***

Postlude

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Liturgist: Barb Rinker

Sololist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Kathy Stevens & Megan Davis

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Brandon John Fleschut’s 21 birthday on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Given by: Mom, dad, Ella & Drew.  
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