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Lent 3

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.

All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Gathering Song – “Glory in the Cross” (see insert)

Call to Worship

One: We journey to the cross.

All: Coming to the sign, “Jesus the Nazarean.”

One: To the one, “He who is.”

All: The son of God, we bow down in worship.

One: The balance of justice in our lives.

All: We come to worship the God of justice in love.

Choir Response – Kyrie Eleison (Greek)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

In the dry wildernesses of our lives, in the days of heat and thirst, you offer us living water. When we begin to doubt your presence, and grumble that your love is unreliable, you offer us living water. When life’s regrets and the bad choices we have made leave us feeling excluded and unworthy, you offer us living water. When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others, have left us alone and wounded, you offer us living water. When we have been cruel to those around us, you offer us living water. When we have selfish and greedy and put ourselves above and before everything and everyone else, you offer us living water. We thank you and praise you, O God, that however we may thirst, whatever we may need to satisfy our souls, you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ; so we drink deep of the living water and, as we draw from your wells, we seek to pass the cup to others who, like us, are thirsty for your grace. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Praise Singers – “Lift Thine Eyes” (Psalm 121)

Children’s Time / The Lord’s Prayer

- * Hymn MV #142 – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

The Word

- 📖 Scripture Readings – Exodus 17: 1-7
Romans 5: 1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

- * Hymn VU #109 – “My Soul is Thirsting for You”

Reflection – “God’s desire for us”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”

The Response

Announcements

- * Offering / Response

**Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy’s perfect deed;
We, your servants bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.**

Prayers of the People

- * Hymn – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (tune VU #300 - see insert)

- * Benediction / Response

**Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
We render back the love your mercy gave us;
Take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist Gina Grant, Custodian
Sylvia Cassie, Liturgist
Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Doug Waldron and Kent Stewart
Greeters: Sylvia & Bob Mann