



Seeking: Will you give me a drink?

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday in Lent

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Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Gathering

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

*Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in a minor"
Johann S. Bach

Welcome and Covenant Life Jewel Agaard
Director of Faith Formation Ministries

Introit Concertato on "Holy, Holy, Holy"
arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

*Call to Worship¹

One: We gather together –

**All: the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,
in hopes of seeing God.**

One: We gather together –

**All: the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,
in hopes of finding peace.**

One: We gather together –

**All: the thirsty and those with water to spare,
in hopes of finding justice.**

One: So come to the well!

**All: Come and worship,
where streams of life-giving waters overflow!**

*Hymn of Praise, *Sing the Faith* #2236 (verses 1, 2, 3) "Gather Us In"

*(During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to
come forward with your monthly Hunger Offering.)*

Call to Confession¹

Prayer of Confession¹ (unison)

Holy God, Fount of Every Blessing and Giver of Living Water, we confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. Though you do not forsake us, we often leave those who really need us high and dry. Though you offer us a deep well of wisdom from which to draw, we often drink from other wells far too shallow. And when that happens, we find our spirits so parched and self-absorbed we cannot or will not offer a cup of compassion to someone who is thirsting for a hug, a helping hand, a kind word, a new path forward, or a true friend. Lord, give us your living water always – that water of yours, gushing up to eternal life – that water of yours, brimming with grace, that only you can give. Pour your life into ours, until it fortifies our spirits, strengthens our wills, and inspires us to rejuvenate the lives of others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness¹

One: Friends, declare with me this Good News.

**All: God's grace is deeper than any well.
We are seen, loved, and forgiven!**

One: Basking in God's love,
and celebrating the joy we share because of it,

All: let us pass our Lord's peace!

*Passing of the Peace

(Greet one another, "Peace be with you.")

***Response, Glory to God #774** (verses 1-2; see insert)
"There Is Now a New Creation"

(Children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

Teaching

Time with Our Children The Sacrament of Baptism
Matthew John Gills

Introduction of the Family

Meaning of the Sacrament

Promises of the Parents

Promises of the Congregation Meg Munton, Clerk of Session

The Apostles' Creed (*unison*) (Traditional; Hymnal p. 14)

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebration of the Sacrament

Welcome of the Newly Baptized

Affirmation of God's Covenant Love:

Hymn #304 (verse 1) "Jesus Loves Me!"

*(Children ages 4 – 11 may leave with Jewel for Children's Worship
in the Green Room and will return during the last hymn.)*

Prayer for Illumination¹ Bob Foard

From the Book of Exodus Exodus 17:1-7 (Pew Bible, OT p. 59-60)

From the Fourth Gospel John 4:1-30, 39-42 (*The Message*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Living Water" Dr. Kyle Allen

Anthem "Those Who Wait on the Lord"
Mark Hayes

Nurturing

Invitation to Offering+

Offertory "O for a Closer Walk with God"
arr. Craig Phillips

***Offertory Hymn, #391** (verses 1, 6) "Take My Life"

***Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**
(Traditional; Hymnal, p. 16)

Reaching

***Hymn of Comfort and Joy** (see insert) "Living Waters"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Trinity Chimes**

*Our Trinity Chimes played before the postlude provide the opportunity
to sit and enjoy the end of our service with music, or to exit quietly as
our Livestream continues for this part of worship.*

Postlude "Fugue in d minor"
Johann S. Bach

Welcome! We are blessed to have you join our worship today, and we hope to keep seeing you! More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org and you can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. We would love to get to know you better, and a card is available in the pew before you to start this journey together.

Greetings, Parents! Children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger downstairs. Please ask an usher for assistance. **We also have a Parents Room** just outside the Sanctuary, with a changing table and rocking chairs.

Children's bulletins and activity bags are available on the table in Heritage Hall. **We offer Children's Worship** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 11.

Cookies and lemonade await you! After worship, all are welcome to gather in Heritage Hall to visit with church members and guests. Special thanks to Mark and Kathryn Overacker for hosting this morning.

Greeters: Meg Munton, Tomi Nave

Ushers: John Munton, Carl Nave, Charlie Simmons, Paul Weary

Leaders in Worship: Bob Foard, Liturgist; Roger Dickenson, Audio; Gene Collier, Pranav Singh: Video



In Our Prayers . . .

Church Members: Pamela Alden, Audrey Bashlor, Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, John Fedison, Mary Jane Fisher, Susan Foard, Lynnmarie Hancock, Tricia McMahon, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Amy Ridenour, Carol Ryan, Jaswant Singh, June and Forrest Smith, Colette Strother, Bobbie Thompson, Roger Tims, Jo Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families

Family & Friends: Kenneth Benner, Rosanna Crist, Mike Cummings (Lori McAnnally's nephew), Jorja Davis, Patrick Dooley, Dickie Hinchee, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, Erik Johnson, Jay Johnson, the people of Malawi, Rich Moreau, Mike Overacker, Phil Peters, Mair Rubin, Jeffrey Scaggs, Joseph "Joe" Wallace, Daniel Woodbury

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Covenant Life



Join us for dinner this Wednesday, March 15th at 5:30 PM. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Chef Jim is preparing a Baked Potato Bar and a Salad Bar, with brownies and ice cream sundaes for dessert! **Reservations required*** (so that we have enough food). **Please sign up** on the Friendship Pad in worship, via the link in your Friday email, or contact the church office **by 10 AM on Monday**. Meals are free, with optional donation. **Let us know if you want your meal to-go!* **After dinner, enjoy piano and vocals with Caroline Moledar.** Parents are invited to our "It Takes a Village" Small Group; childcare is provided.



The Women's Circle of Friends will meet in the Red Room at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 14. Our March project is a contribution to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief fund to support Turkey and Syria following the earthquake. With Maggie Moen's help, we will plan our assistance for Family Promise as our April project. Please contact Carol Gentry for more information.



Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant – Thursday, March 23rd from 12 PM to 4 PM. Go to redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment. *All who come to give blood from March 1-31, 2023, will receive a \$10 Visa® Prepaid Card by email.*



Save the date for VBS at Covenant: June 12 – 16! Our theme is *Creation Care Camp: God's Wild Wonder*. **Registration begins March 15th – Watch your email for the registration link!**



Youth Lock-In! The youth are greatly anticipating the first lock-in since Covid! This much awaited activity will be **Saturday night, March 18th**. Since all will be sleeping on the floor, **any camping mats or air mattresses that we may borrow would be greatly appreciated**. Please contact Jewel, Cheryl, or just drop them by the church. Thank you!



Spring Grounds Clean Up Day is Saturday, March 25th from 9 AM – 12 PM! Our to-do list includes removing stick and limbs, weeding, 'fluffing' the mulch, trimming shrubs, and removing ivy from the trees/fence area in the back. We need hedge trimmers, hand trimmers, rakes, a blower, and any other tools you prefer. **Mark your calendar, bring your garden gloves, and come on out to help!** Many hands make light work. (Rain Date: Saturday, April 1.)



Join us for another night of exciting Rail Yard Dawgs hockey on Saturday, March 25th! This time it's Top Gun Night! The bus will leave the church parking lot at 5:45 PM. **Find the link to purchase tickets in your Monday email.** Sign up in Heritage Hall to ride the church bus.



Women's Bible Study: Monday, March 13th at 10:30 AM in the Blue Room. Contact Sharon Nanz for more information.

♦ **Holy Hunch Brunch & Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Blue Room. Coffee, scripture discussion & a light brunch!

♦ **Men's Bible Study & Fellowship:** Saturday, March 18th @ 8 AM in the Red Room. Contact Jeff Cutright or John McMillen more details.



Save the date for Covenant's 2023 Bunk Bed Build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace on Saturday, April 29th, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Salem. Find more details on the bed in Heritage Hall and in your March Covenant Connections newsletter. Sign up link coming soon! *"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"*



Earth Care Inspiration: Mark your calendar for Wednesday Night Dinner on March 22nd. Master Gardener Donna Haley will be our guest speaker. Her topic is: "Climate Change: Understanding the Science, Understanding the Local Impact, and Learning ways to Mitigate Its Effects."

The Earth Care Team has a Covenant email address! Feel free to contact us with your ideas, questions, and concerns at EarthCare@covroanoke.org.



Church Library News: Butterfly Notes are at the Heritage Hall entry, awaiting the names (first name only) of people you keep in your prayers. They will become a lovely display at Easter. Grace this project with as many butterflies as you wish!

Today (March 12th) is the last day that newly acquired books will be on display on our library table. Come and see what is there! Trouble finding a book you want? Ask our team: Kathy Barnhill, Ruth Johnson, and Debbie Snead or email us at LibraryGuild@covroanoke.org.

This Week at Covenant

Sunday, March 12 – Third Sunday in Lent

Daylight Saving Time begins

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship *Hunger Offering

Monday, March 13

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Blue Room)

4:00 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

7:00 PM Faith Formation Team (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 14

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Red Room)

10:30 AM Holy Hunch Brunch & Bible Study (Blue Room)

6:30 PM Circle of Friends (Red Room)

Wednesday, March 15

VBS Registration begins

12:00 PM Bulletin Announcement deadline

1:00 PM Preschool Gymnastics (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 PM Fellowship Dinner & Program (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM Parents Small Group (Red Room)

7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 16

5:00 PM Preschool Team (Zoom)

7:00 PM Personnel & Policy Team (Zoom)

Saturday, March 18

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Red Room)

9:00 AM Officers Retreat (Fellowship Hall; Classrooms)

Overnight Youth Lock-In

Sunday, March 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:15 AM Diaconate meets

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

