Worship for March 12, 2023 Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lenten Reading John 2:13-22 Judy Napier

*Call to Worship
Someday, the house of God
will stand on the highest mountain.
People will come from every place
to learn how to walk in God's path.

God will show us what is fair and put an end to our fighting.

People will turn their old weapons into new tools for mutual benefit and blessing.

Come, people of God.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*Hymn 441 Hear the Good News of Salvation

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have called us to love you
with heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
But, if we are honest, we know
that sometimes we hurt each other and fail to keep our promises to you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us, day by day,
to turn away from what is wrong
and to turn to you in faith,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 698 Take, O Take Me As I Am

Assurance of Forgiveness Hear the good news: We are dead to sin and evil and alive to God in Jesus Christ. Friends, I urge you to walk in his light- forgiven, reconciled, and free!

First Reading John 4:5-26

Time With Our Young Disciples

Second Reading John 4: 27-42 Morning Message

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed p. 35

*Hymn 580 Gloria Patri

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn 607 Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, Lord, for your many gifts-for the world's helpers, peace and security, recreation and rest, friends and family, life and health.

We thank you for your Son, Jesus, who came to embody your love and compassion for the world, calling us into lives of joyful service. Amen.

*Hymn 443 There Is a Redeemer

*Blessing

May God bless you and keep you safe. May God smile on you with grace. May God watch over you always and give you peace. Amen.

*Postlude