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LENT 3

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

LIGHTING THE LENTEN CANDLE

On our Lenten journeys we admit that we have thirsty souls.

We come to Jesus for refreshment.

The way seems long and with many obstacles.

We come to Jesus for refreshment.

The world can turn its back to us.

We come to Jesus for refreshment.

We come to worship trusting that Jesus refreshes us with the Living Waters of hope and justice.

(Three Lenten Candles are lit)

Let us pray:

God of our hearts, here we are. We’ve come with thirsty hearts, praying that your Word will satisfy us. Come with aching hearts, praying for good news to comfort us. We come with overflowing hearts, praying for a chance to share your love. You who know our hearts and prayers, be with us. Amen.

RESPONSE: #108 Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights (vs. 3)

We bear the silence, cross and pain

Of human burdens, human strife,
While sisters, brothers help sustain
Our courage till the Feast of Life

HYMN: #395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

**Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.**

You know the reason why you came,
Yet no reason can explain;
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
For we are a part of the family. **R**

God is with us in this place,
Like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
For we are a part of the family. **R**

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
We are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
But we are a part of the family. **R**

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
There's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
For we are a part of the family. **R**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

SUNG RESPONSE: #95 (MV) How Deep the Peace

How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence of those whose hearts are healed.

THE PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

God of the ages, you send refreshing water to quench the thirst of your people. Open us to the words of the scripture, so that they may refresh us on our journey of faith. Allow these words to meet the dry places in lies and sustain us as God's people in this place. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 95, VU#814

GOSPEL READING: John 4:1-42

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: #626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

SUNG OFFERTORY: #149 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs. 4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

We pray, Gracious God, that our gifts may provide nourishment to those who thirst for justice, strength to those who hunger for hope, a community to those living in loneliness. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wellspring of mercy,
Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #630 O Christ, in Thee My Soul
O Christ, in thee my soul hath found,
And found in thee alone,
The peace, the joy I sought so long,
The bliss till now unknown.

Refrain

**Now none but Christ can satisfy,
None other name for me!
There's love, and life and lasting joy,
Christ Jesus, found in thee.**

I sighed for rest and happiness,
I yearned for them, not thee;
But while I passed my Saviour by,
His love laid hold on me. R

I tried the broken cisterns, ah!
But how the waters failed;
Even as I stooped to drink they fled,
And mocked me as I wailed. R

The pleasures lost I sadly mourned,
But never wept for thee,
Till grace my sightless eyes received,
Thy loveliness to see. R

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Pilgrim God, striking water in the desert

Refresh us and quench our thirst.

Revealing God, sitting by well side

Refresh us and teach us truth.

Dancing God moving over the waters

Refresh us and bring us life.

We are God's people loved and cherished

We go out in joy.

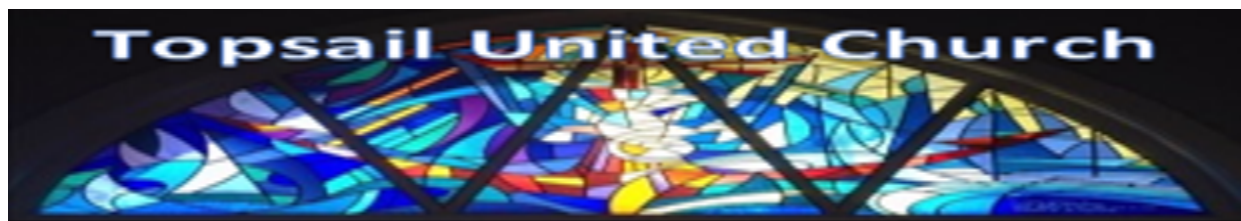
We are God's people called and challenged

We go out in joy.

We are God's people refreshed and forgiven

We go out in joy.

Today's bulletin is donated to the glory of God and in Joy and Celebration on the Occasion of Pearce Penney's 95th birthday on Friday March 10, from Men's Club.



LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

At Our Church This Week:

	(CH) Church Hall/ (BR) Board Room/ (S) Sanctuary	
Sunday Mar 12, 2023	Aurora	6:30pm (CH)
Monday, Mar 13, 2023	Tai Chi	9:00am (CH)
	Sparks	6:00pm (CH)
	Men's Club	6:30pm (CH)
Tuesday, Mar 14, 2023	Brownies/Guides	6:00pm (CH)
	Coastal Sounds	7:00pm (S)
Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023	Coffee Time	10:00am (CH)
	Paddy's Day Lunch	12:00pm (CH)
	Inspiration	6:00pm (S)
	CBSYC	7:00pm (CH)
Thursday, Mar 16, 2023	Family Resource Ctr	9-12pm (CH)
	Choir	7:30 (S)
	Winner's in Sobriety	8:00pm (CH)
Friday, Mar 17, 2023	Tai Chi	9:00am (CH)
Sunday, Mar 19, 2023	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 (S&CH)

PADDY'S DAY LUNCH

The Coffee Group announces the return of their popular "Paddy's Day Lunch" on Wednesday, March 15th at 12 noon in the Church Hall.

Turkey, Ham, Salads, Dessert, Tea and Coffee. Cost \$10.00 per person, plus a salad to serve 6 between you and your spouse or guest.

Cle Callan and his brother will be playing for us and we hope to also have other musical guests join us.

Don't forget to wear something green!

Please call the office at 834-4567 before 12 noon Tuesday if you plan to attend

EASTER BREAKFAST

The Men's Club Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on Saturday April 1 from 8 until 11 A.M. Usual Great Menu. Cost \$10 Adults, Children \$ 5, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, treats for the kids, Face Painting and Colouring as well. All are welcome.

EASTER MEMORIALS

Please contact the church office if you wish to make a special donation in memory of a loved one for Easter.

TUC COMMITTEE SIGN UP

If anyone is interested in joining a committee, there is a sign up sheet placed in the vestibule.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2022 Contribution Statements have been sent out. If you have not received yours by mail or email. Please contact Dawn at the office. Remember to check your spam mail.

OUTREACH

Old Eyeglasses? OutReach is still collecting glasses for the Lions Club. Please leave them with the Ushers in the vestibule or drop off at the Office any morning.

ENVELOPES

2023 Envelopes are available. They can be picked up following Worship in the back of the church or call the office to arrange pickup. If you don't already have an envelope number and/or would like to be set up on PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance) please contact Dawn at the office.

If you or someone you know, would like to hear from Reverend Kathy, please contact the church office - Telephone: 834-4567 or 771-9779(cell) Email: kathy.brett101@gmail.com