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Worship Bulletin for March 8, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song

Ho, All Who Thirst (Refrain)

GtG #479

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and all whose souls are parched
and weary, come and drink!

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and from your heart will flow
a never-failing spring!

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

We come to the well of fear and doubt.

We have drawn deeply of those waters.

We come to the well of anger and hate.

These waters flourish in all the land.

Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

Lord, bring us to the well of salvation. Amen.

***Hymn**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

GtG # 8

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound
the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves
submissive heard, who walked upon
the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave,
for fierce confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Time for silent reflection.

God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wilderness of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We behave in unloving ways. We choose to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us to be faithful servants. Amen.

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you.

God is loving and faithful to those who seek God.

Come, seek the loving presence and be healed. **AMEN.**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Special Music

Solo, Carolyn Crocker

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer

O Lord, Hear our Prayer

(pew song sheet)

Prayers lifted to God and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream
doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet (Refrain)*

GtG #458

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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First Lesson:

Exodus 17:1-7

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From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps. I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.'"

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Sermon

Among Us or Not?

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of female and male. We believe in God beside us, Jesus, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God with us, the Holy Spirit of living waters, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

Offering

Doxology

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

Offering Prayer *(responsive)*

We thank Generous God, and dedicate to you our gifts and tithes, because no matter how we may thirst, or 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.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

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and from your heart will flow
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Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water,
choosing broken cups that cannot be filled? **(Refrain)**

For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us
to the wellsprings of the water of life. **(Refrain)**

All who come may take this gift of living water.
They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled. **(Refrain)**

Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sharon Allshouse

GREETER: Stan Cowan

COFFEE HOSTS: Andrew Pudan and Chris DiMaio

OFFERING COUNTER: Pat Manning

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Bonny Doon Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday: Operations Meeting at 10AM
Bell Choir at 2:15PM

Tuesday: Deacons Meeting at 10AM
Bible Study: Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ
at 1PM, Zoom. Please read CH. 6

Wednesday: Outreach Meeting at 12PM, Zoom

Thursday: Choir at 2PM

Upcoming Events

- **Pie Day is next week (Pi π 3.15)!** Bring a pie to share on **March 15 (3.15)**. Sweet pies, savory pies, old fashion pies, ice cream pies ~ all are welcome to share. Let's make it delicious! Every slice counts!
- **Church Clean Up on March 21 from 9:00 to noon.** We'll be cleaning windows and woodwork in the sanctuary, deep cleaning Hubler, and freshening up our campus. Please bring buckets, rags, squeegees, step stools, things that might assist in our cleaning efforts. We will provide the window cleaner. Let's make our campus sparkle as we prepare for Easter!
- **2026 Per Capita Fees** - The annual due charged by Presbytery is based on our total membership. It helps our budget when our members contribute their share. The cost per member for 2026 is \$55. WE THANK YOU!!!
- **SAVE the DATE:** June 2nd - Red Cross Blood Drive, Hubler Hall, starts at 8:30AM by appointment only using the Red Cross app.