

***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.***

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022



Cairn (n) *Gaelic*: heap of stones

“Cairns are about...**communication**, cairns are arguably one of humanity’s earliest ways of sharing information, **connection**, in that people often build a cairn or add a stone to one as a means of connecting to place, history, and/or family, and a sign of **community**, each time we build one or rely on one we are bonding with those who came before and will come later.”

-David B. Williams, author of Cairns, Messengers in Stone

“These rocks will help the Israelites remember this forever.”

-Joshua 4:7 ERV

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Ryan Smit ♦ Violin: Amie Smit ♦ Guitar: Rob Haan

Worship Leader: Pam DeJong ♦ Readers: Shaun & Clark Stiemsma

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Hearing Assistance

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Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-2

Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

**Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?**

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

*Song: "Ten Thousand Reasons"

LUYH 559

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "We Will Remember"

Chorus:

***We will remember. We will remember.
We will remember the works of your hands.
We will stop and give you praise,
for great is your faithfulness.***

***1. You're our creator, our life sustainer,
deliverer, our comfort, our joy.***

***Throughout the ages, you've been our shelter,
our peace in the midst of the storm. (to chorus)***

***2. With signs and wonders you've shown your power;
with precious blood you showed us your grace.***

***You've been our helper, our liberator,
the giver of life with no end. (to chorus)***

***3. When we walk through life's darkest valleys,
we will look back at all you have done;
and we will shout our God is good,
and He is the faithful one. (to chorus)***

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take them back to your seats to partake there.

The Communion: "Table of Plenty"

LUYH 808

*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-12

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Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve

or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "The Trees of the Field"

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.***

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Litany of Remembrance

Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old (Ps. 25:6).

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O Lord** (Ps. 25:7).

"The time is coming," declares the Lord,
"when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...
For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more (Jer. 31:31,34).

The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

He remembers his covenant forever (Ps. 111:4-5).

Remember the gracious love of our Father in heaven
who made us children of his own possession.

Remember Jesus Christ, sent by the Father to share our human nature,
to live and to die as one of us,
and so to move us from the alienation of sin and death,
**to reconcile us to God our Father by his perfect sacrifice,
and through his suffering, death, and resurrection
to save all who put their trust in him.**

Remember the Holy Spirit, who teaches us these things
and makes the effects of Christ's salvation real in our lives.

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Memorial Acclamation

According to his commandment:
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with 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.**

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Reconciliation, Renewal, & Remembrance

Invitation to Prayer: Isaiah 55:6-7 p.1148

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-12 p.939

Song: "Jesus, Strong and Kind"

**1. Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.**

**2. Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.**

**Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.**

**3. Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield. I should come to him. (to chorus)**

**4. Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. (to chorus)**

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Prayers for the Church and World

Word

Children's Blessing: "God Is So Good" LUYH 777:1

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service. Parents, you are welcome to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55 p.1148

Message: "The Word We Worship" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "My Song Is Love Unknown" LUYH 148:1,2,6