

Lenten Service Wednesday, March 6, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Everyone who thirsts:

ALL: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

One: All you who are hungry for righteousness:

ALL: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

One: All who need the help of God:

ALL: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

OPENING PRAYER:

One: God, our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new, to keep us in the sunlight and moonlight along rocky paths and pathways unknown, until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom, promised in Christ, in whose name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Blue Hymnal #78/Screen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: We seek you in your Word, O God, as though we are searching for water in a dry and weary land. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may this word be to us a rich feast, satisfying the soul. Then with our mouths, we will praise you; and with our lives, we will bless you, our Host and our Hope.

ALL: Amen.

READING FROM PSALMS: Psalm 63:1-8

SERMON: "A Blessing"

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PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

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