

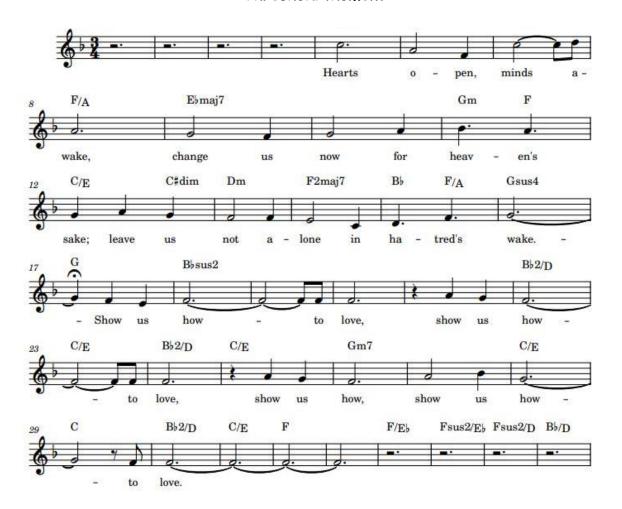
# "Look for the Thirst-Quencher" Lent Week Three

# HARWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Welcome

Threshold Moment



Leader: Our worship series for Lent continues as we contemplate satisfaction in . . . and offer life-giving water to others.



#### Confession and Assurance

Leader: Let us join together in opening our hearts to the love of God. Before we even utter a word . . . we are inherently beloved, created by God.

People: We yearn for lives that matter, we desire relationships that thrive, we want less regret.

Leader: At times we fail to see . . . In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness to a different way of living. {Silence}

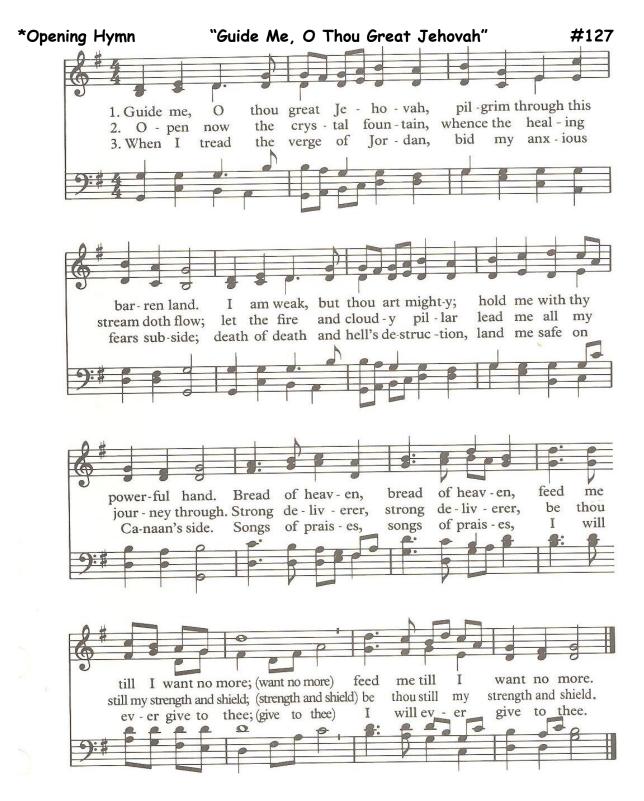
... Let us respond together:

All: We open our hearts, our minds, our souls, our vision to the ways of love created by God, embodied in Jesus, and already moving in us by the Spirit. We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen!

#### Peace

Leader: The love and peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

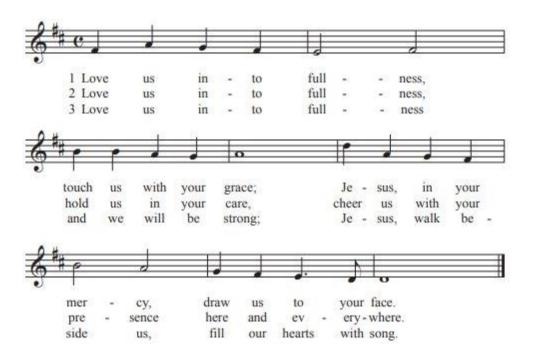


WE PROCLAIM

#### Adult's Time

# Song of Preparation for the Word

"Love Us Into Fullness" verse 1



First Reading Exodus 17: 1-7

"Love Us Into Fullness"

verse 2

Love us into fullness, hold us in your care, cheer us with your presence here and everywhere.

Second Reading John 4: 5-42

"Love Us Into Fullness"

verse 3

Love us into fullness and we will be strong; Jesus walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

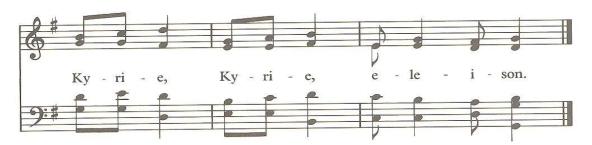
Anthem "You Lord, Are both Lamb and Shepherd" Trad./S. Dustin

Sermon "Wells in the Desert" Pastor Dianne

#### WE RESPOND

## Prayers of the People

Leader: In this season of Lent, we come together in prayer using an ancient form in the church, "Kyrie Eleison," meaning "God, have mercy on us." . . . Let us pray for God's mercy, which is God's love, in our singing:



### Prayers for the World

Leader: Loving Creator, we come to you asking for your living water of life for this planet and all its living creatures. . . We pray this day for . . . God have mercy. In this singing we lift up this world to you with our love:

#### "Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison"

# Prayers for Our Community

Loving Sovereign, we come to you asking for your living water's flow in and through our communities. . . . We pray this day for . . . God have mercy. In this singing we lift up this community to you with our love:

#### "Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison"

#### Prayers for Our Relationships

Loving Parent, we come to you asking for your living water to make our homes and relationships wells of love . . . We pause in silence as we each lift up in our hearts the relationships that need your love . . . God have mercy. In this singing we lift up each other to you with our love:

#### "Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison"

#### Prayers for Our Selves

Lover of Our Souls, we come to you asking for your living water in our own lives.  $\dots$  God have mercy. In this singing we open ourselves to your love:

#### "Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison"

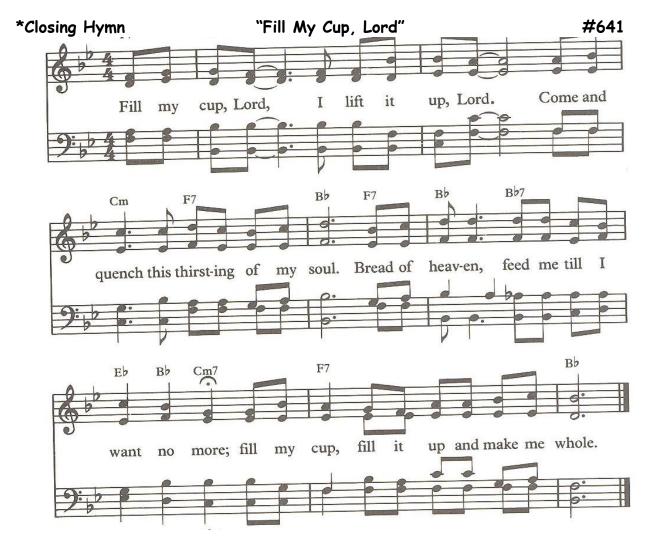
And so, as your people following in the ways of your Son, Jesus, who set the pattern of love as right relationship with each other, we pray with confidence the prayer that he taught us:

#### The Lord's Prayer

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings Offertory Doxology Prayer of Dedication

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#### WE GO FORTH



#### \*Benediction

Leader: Go forth into the world, looking for love in all the right places!

People: We will look for signs of The Thirst-Quencher, and we will pour out the life-giving water of love wherever we go!

\*"God Be with You"

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\*Postlude

Liturgist: Karl Young
Ushers: Rose Higgins and Carl Johnson

You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.

March 19, 2023: Scripture Passages 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

#### **Announcements**

Please sign up for Coffee Hour!

The Thrift Shop is looking for donations.

Volunteer drivers are needed to bring Pastor Dianne to church and take her home during April. We have enough drivers for March. Valerie Bell has a sign-up sheet. If you would be able and willing to either pick up Pastor Dianne at 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning in Centerville or take her back after church, please contact Valerie. Please note: the vehicle has to be big enough so that when she gets in or is seated she does not have to bend her leg.

Our annual Diaper Drive begins March 21<sup>st</sup> and continues through May 21<sup>st</sup>. Carl Johnson and Rose Higgins are spearheading this outreach to A Baby's Place in Hyannis.

#### Calendar

Monday, March 13: Thrift Shop Volunteers Meeting at 12:15pm Sunday, March 19: Administrative Council

#### Prayers

Residents of East Palestine, Ohio

All affected by climate disasters whether it's rain, snow, earthquakes . . .

Increased frequency of mass shootings

Children growing up in a culture of violence

Grieving: Family and friends of John Reed, Mark Lefler, Terry Currey,

Rev. Bill Coleman, Michael Atwood, and Ernest (friend of Starr's)

Those terminally ill including Donald Turcotte and Meredith McCutcheon

Healing: Pastor Dianne, Hugh Dykens, Carl Johnson's daughter, Rose Higgins, Carl

Johnson, Richard Connors, Ruth Zeller, Dan and Lil Murphy, Don Howell,

Continued Prayers: Joan Felahi, Kenny Souza, Joan Stevens, Nancy McIntyre,

Pauline Doliber, Ruth Crocker, Michael Chatham, Greg Legeyt and Karen Daffinee