

# Sunday March 3, 2024

## Third Sunday in Lent – Bold Women Sunday



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH***

*we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS***

*we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** “Come Bring Your Burdens to God” on screen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** The Vukelich family on the passing of Mark’s mother.



**UPCOMING EVENT:** Craft Supply Swap is Saturday, March 9, from 9 am-noon. Donations, along with volunteers, are needed. Volunteers for Friday, March 8 to help sort, would be helpful; also on Saturday morning to help with the swap meet. And of course, a few volunteers to help load up leftover crafts to haul to thrift store. Thank you. Judie Birk

**HOSPITALITY HOSTS NEEDED!** Sign up on the bulletin board next to the serving counter in the Fellowship Hall. There are treats in the freezer to serve if you don’t bake.

**ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA** Performance on Good Friday, March 29, 2024, at 7:30pm. See poster in Narthex for more information. Join the choir! Rehearsals on Sundays in Lent 2:30-4:00pm (Feb 18, 25, Mar 3, 10,17,24)

**BIBLE & BREW** at Camp Onomia, March 15 & 16. See the poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

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**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**      **March 4, 2024 thru March 10, 2024**

|           |      |           |                                  |
|-----------|------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Monday    | 3/4  | 11:30 am  | Pinochle                         |
|           |      | 7:00 pm   | AA/Alanon                        |
| Tuesday   | 3/5  | 9:00 am   | Chair Yoga                       |
| Wednesday | 3/6  | 9:00 am   | Women’s Bible Study              |
|           |      | 5:30 pm   | Potluck                          |
|           |      | 6:30 pm   | Worship                          |
| Thursday  | 3/7  | 8:00 am   | ROMEOs                           |
|           |      | 9:15 am   | Chair Yoga                       |
| Saturday  | 3/9  | 9 am-noon | Craft Swap                       |
| Sunday    | 3/10 | 9:00 am   | Worship in Person or Live Stream |

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**VIDEO FROM BISHOP EATON**

**TEMPLE TALK: Katie’s Fund – Sandy Pullen**

**OPENING HYMN: “For All The Faithful Women”**

**#419 ELW**

(verses 1,8,2,Last)

*(Please rise on the last verse)*

1 For all the faithful women  
who served in days of old,  
to you shall thanks be given;  
to all, their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness  
in tasks your wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness,  
proclaimed your pow'r to save.

8 Recall the outcast woman  
with whom our Lord conversed:  
Christ gave her living water  
to quench her deepest thirst.  
Like hers, our hearts are yearning;  
Christ offers us his word.  
Then may our lips be burning  
to witness to our Lord.

2 O God, for saints and servants,  
those named and those unknown,  
in whom through all the ages  
your light of glory shone,  
we offer glad thanksgiving  
and fervent prayer we raise  
that, faithful in your service,  
our lives may sing your praise.

Last All praise to God the Father!  
All praise to Christ the Son!  
All praise to God the Spirit,  
who binds the church as one!  
With saints who went before us,  
with saints who witness still,  
we sing glad alleluias  
and strive to do your will.

**PRAYER AS YOU BEGIN – Darlene Christensen**

May the strength of God pilot us,  
May the power of God preserve us,  
May the wisdom of God instruct us,  
May the hand of God protect us,  
May the way of God direct us,  
May the shield of God defend us,  
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world.

**Amen**

LEADER: Loving God, thank you for creating us to be bold, and let your light shine in all we say and do.

**ALL: Let the light so shine!**

LEADER: God of life and wholeness, keep us ever vigilant to your presence and empower us by your Spirit.

**ALL: Let the light so shine!**

LEADER: Open our hearts and minds to all the gifts you have given.

**ALL: Let the light so shine!**

LEADER: Let the warmth of your care challenge us to become what you have called us to be.

**ALL: Let the light so shine!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God,

**by your Spirit empower us. Give us courage, grant us wholeness, and fill us with love. Help us to live with the certainty that we are better off together than we are separated, from you or from each other. Because we have you, nothing can shake our confidence in this world or the next. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Luke 1:46-50 (Mary's Song of Praise)**

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING: Esther 7:1-10 (Queen Esther)**

<sup>1</sup> So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup>On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." <sup>3</sup>Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me — that is my petition — and the lives of my people — that is my request. <sup>4</sup>For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." <sup>5</sup>Then King

Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" <sup>6</sup>Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. <sup>7</sup>The king rose from the feast in wrath and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that the king had determined to destroy him. <sup>8</sup>When the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman had thrown himself on the couch where Esther was reclining; and the king said, "Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?" As the words left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face. <sup>9</sup>Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." <sup>10</sup>So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

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**THIRD READING: Matthew 26:6-13 (The Woman who Anointed Jesus)**

<sup>6</sup>Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. <sup>8</sup>But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

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**PSALM: Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**





I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

## **BOLD WOMEN'S DAY LITANY- Merrily**

One Voice: Made in the image of a bold, beautiful God, we yearn to embody that grace in this world God so loves.

**Many: We long to tell our authentic truths, to hear and share stories, to nurture on another and serve God's creation. We crave healing and wholeness for all.**

One: But sometimes we are overwhelmed – seduced by what is frivolous, distracted from what is important.

**Many: Teach us when to care and when to step aside.**

One: We groan for renewal and change yet fear that we are not enough can immobilize us. Guilt and shame provoke us to be overly busy and to hide.

**Many: Teach us when to rest and breathe and when to rise to action.**

One: Where can we find rest? How can our lives make a meaningful difference?

**Many: Teach us when to be silent and still. Teach us when to shout and sing.**

One: Remind us you cherish us when we get it right and when we don't.

**Many: Embolden us to live fully in the freedom of your indestructible love.**

One: Show us the way. Stay with us while we practice and learn. Hold us always.

**Many: Amen**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING** - *Please be seated as the Ushers pass the offering plate.*

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus,

**you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God,

**at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**



## **BLESSING**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN:           “God Bless the Hands”           on screen**

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| 1. God, bless the hands stretched out in love<br>through floods below and storms above;<br>they search and rescue, comfort, calm,<br>give shelter, offer healing balm.<br>Oh, guard them by your steadfast hand;<br>reach out in love to help us stand. | 2. Bring comfort to the hearts that mourn,<br>left broken, emptied by the storm.<br>Give hope to those in deepest grief;<br>empower us to bring relief.<br>To you, O God, we raise our hands.<br>Save us, we pray, from sinking sands. |
| 3. O God, our strength and refuge sure,<br>our hope while storms of life endure:<br>teach us to live in harmony<br>with earth and river, sky and sea,<br>preserving waters, air, and lands<br>as holy work for human hands.                             |  |

## **DISSMAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.**

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Barry & Donna Ansell

Ushers: Gary & Brenda Sjerven

Lector: LuAnn Gordon

Hospitality: WELCA

**Thank you for your service!**

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, February 25, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 63 Online: 29

Wednesday, February 28, 2024: In Person: 6:30am 25 Online: 2