

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 55

"Hey! All who are thirsty, come to the water!
you who are poor

Come anyway—buy and eat!

Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk.

Buy without money—everything's free!

Why spend your money on junk,

Why spend hard-earned cash on rubbish?

Seek God while God's here to be found,

pray while God's close at hand.

HYMN 181 Come O God of all the earth vs. 1,2,4,5

WELCOME

PRAYER

Psalms 63 - O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
But those who seek to destroy my life

shall go down into the depths of the earth;
they shall be given over to the power of the sword,
they shall be prey for jackals.

But the king shall rejoice in God;

all who swear by him shall exult,

for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

PSALM REFLECTION 'in a dry and weary land'

PRAYERS ... to you we pray with thirsty souls:

Response: HYMN 703 As the deer

... in Christ is our healing, our peace, our hope

All our thanks to you God. Amen

Readings **Isaiah 55: 1 - 9**

Luke 13: 1 - 9

For the Word of God, present in the written word

And present in one another, we give thanks.

CHOIR 'How can I keep from singing'

REFLECTION: "A hunger for better"

HYMN **How could a God whose name is love** - [tune: 262]

1. How could a God whose name is love seek blood to pay sin's price?
Are torture, shame and senseless death a holy sacrifice?
Each violent crime is tragic loss; how could it be God's will?
How can we glorify the cross when victims suffer still?
2. Did Jesus come as God's own child to share each human tear?
Did Jesus die in speaking truth that rulers will not hear?
If Wisdom hangs upon a tree, what, then, are we to do?
Must we, like Jesus, risk our lives for what is just and true?

3. In Jesus Christ we meet a God whose love embraces all,
who weeps when children are abused, who hears each sparrow fall.
When grace is ancient as the earth, we need not worship death.
So let us live in tender care for all whom Love gives breath.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING DEDICATION

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread
May we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe,
Unite us in your service, may seeds of justice grow. Ruth C Duck

HYMN **690** Beauty for brokenness

BLESSING ...

We go as people of peace, stewards and healers of creation,
consolers of the afflicted, and midwives of justice.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

SUNG BLESSING For you, deep stillness



Lent 3

10 am Worship
Sunday March 23, 2025

