

CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023
7:30 P.M.

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PRELUDE - "O Lamb of God" by Mozart
Bet Frost, Soloist

HYMN 440 vs 1, 4, 5, 6 - *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION & OPENING VERSICLES

In the name of the Father and of the + Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so
pants my soul for you, O God. **My soul
thirsts for God, for the living God.**

When shall I come and appear before God?
**My tears have been my food day and
night, while they say to me all the day
long, "Where is your God?"**

By day the Lord commands his steadfast
love, **And at night his song is with me, a
prayer to the God of my life.**

I say to God, my rock: "Why have you for-
gotten me? **Why do I go mourning be-
cause of the oppression of the enemy?"**

As with a deadly wound in my bones, my
adversaries taunt me, **While they say to me
all the day long, "Where is your God?"**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and
why are you in turmoil within me? **Hope in**

**God; for I shall again praise him, my sal-
vation and my God.**

GREETING, followed by PRAYER
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God, the woman of
Samaria came to the well that day seek-
ing only the refreshment of ordinary,
earthly water. Yet Jesus offered to her the
life-giving water that wells up within us
and overflows into eternal life. In Christ,
we have received that life-giving water, so
we will never thirst again. As the woman
told others in her town that she had
found the Messiah, also lead us to be
faithful witnesses for our Lord, so that
people will believe in Jesus as their Savior
and receive through him the refreshment
of forgiveness and eternal life. Hear our
prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 55:1-7

SECOND LESSON - Revelation 7:9-17

Page 173 - **VERSE FOR LENT**-*all standing*

GOSPEL - John 4:5-26

*Before all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!***

*After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

HYMN 589 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

OFFERTORY

*"Humbly I Adore Thee" arr. Lloyd
Pfautsch. Michael Frost, Soloist*

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

all may kneel

Lord Jesus, you graciously invited the Sa-
maritan woman to believe in you as the
Messiah and Savior, to drink of living wa-
ter of the Spirit. We, too, trust in you as
our Lord and Savior. You have given to us
the gift of the precious, living water that is
the Spirit of God welling up to eternal life.
Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us and
hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we pray that you would contin-
ue to sustain us with your Spirit during this
earthly life. Fill us with the peace and hope
that are found only through repentance and
forgiveness in your name. Help us to grow
in grace and strength of faith through the
study of your holy Word so that we might
serve others in your name. Gracious Lord,
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who thirst
for help and hope in their suffering. Com-
fort those who face illness, grief and loss
in their own lives and in the lives of loved
ones. Empower us by your Spirit to com-
fort them with the promises of your Word.
Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us and
hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we look forward to the day
when we will live forever in your presence
and drink from the water of the river of life
in paradise. Until that great day, lead us to
show mercy to others and to share our
blessings to satisfy their earthly needs,
their hunger and thirst. Gracious Lord,
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you asked the Samaritan wom-
an for a drink of water, beginning the con-
versation that led her to trust in you as her
Savior. She then told the people of her
town about you and they too believed.
Help us by your Spirit to begin such con-
versations with our friends and neighbors
so that they will believe and worship you
as their King and Savior. Gracious Lord,
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and
teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in
heaven....**

BENEDICTION

HYMN 744 vs 1 - 4

POSTLUDE - "There is a Green Hill Far
Away" *tune Windsor; setting Coleman*

