Presbyterian Church of Western Springs
Sunday, March 15, 2020
9:30 A.M.
Third Sunday in Lent
Gather in God’s Name

Prelude
In the Cross of Christ I Glory
by Ithamar Conkey
arr. by Patti Drennan

Words of Welcome

• Call to Worship

  Like the waters of baptism, God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God’s overflowing grace, we come to worship God.
  We come when we are thirsty and the land seems dry. We come when we are hungry and there is no food.
  We come trusting that God will provide and we come with hope that God is present.
  Let us worship God — trusting in God’s goodness and faithfulness, and in the wonder of God’s grace.

• Gathering Hymn #456
  Listen, God is Calling
  NENO LAKE MUNGU

• Call to Confession

  Prayer of Confession (first in silence and then in one voice)

  Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

• Assurance of Forgiveness

• Response of Praise #581
  Glory Be to the Father
  GLORIA PATRI

  Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
  as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
  world without end. Amen, amen.

• Passing the Peace of Christ

  (During the passing of the peace, children preschool through 5th grade are invited to come forward for Words for Our Children.)

Proclaiming the Word of God

Words for Our Children, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

  Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
  Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
  Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
  and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
  For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

  (At this time, children preschool through 5th grade are invited to go to Sunday School.)

• Indicates congregation standing, if able.
Song of Preparation #288  
Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Responsive Psalm  
Psalm 95:1-7  
Sung response by Dave Doherty

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Sung response: *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In God's hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

Repeat sung response printed above

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Repeat sung response printed above

Old Testament Lesson  
Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon  
Testing & Quarrelling  
The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian

Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn of Response #476*  
Crashing Waters at Creation  
CRASHING WATERS

Invocation for Financial Stewardship

Gifts to our congregational ministry and mission commitments  
Pledges and Offerings + Loose change for hunger projects:

Pine Avenue Presbyterian Church Pantry and Greater Chicago Food Depository
Doxology #606
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Go in God’s Name

Sending Hymn #438
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Charge and Benediction

Postlude
Morning Has Broken
arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

Larry Glasscock

Bold indicates a PCWS member
Italic indicates additions this week
Listen, God Is Calling

**Neno lake Mungu**

**Refrain**

- Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
- Ne-no, ne-no la-ke Mungu la-ki-ta we-we,
- Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.
- Ne-no la wo-ko-vo, te-na je-ma.

**Verses**

1. Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news
2. Let none be forgotten through the world.
3. Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,

**Chorus**

- That he came to save us and set us free.
- In the triune name of God go and baptize.
- Walk in your precepts, led by your Word.

This anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya follows a pattern of traditional African music (refrain, call-and-response stanzas, refrain) also common in African American spirituals. This text affirms that God's inviting and forgiving call can still be heard through the written Word.

**Text:** Kenyan, trans. Howard S. Olson, 1987
**Music:** Kenyan; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1987

**Trans. © 1987 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira (admin. Augsburg Fortress)
Crashing Waters at Creation

1. Crashing waters at creation, ordered
2. Parting water stood and trembled as the
3. Cleansing water once at Jordan closed a-
4. Living water, never ending, quench the

by the Spirit’s breath, first to witness
captives passed on through, washing off the
round the One foretold, opened to rest-
thirst and flood the soul. Wellspring, Source of

day’s beginning from the brightness of night’s death.
chains of bondage: channel to a life made new.
veil the glory ever new and ever old.
life eternal, drench our dryness; make us whole.

Like the Thanksgiving Over the Water in the rite of Baptism, this text by a United Church of Canada minister recalls significant events in salvation history involving water. The final stanza is a prayer to Christ, the Living Water (John 4:10, 14), to quench our spiritual thirst.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1987
MUSIC: William A. Cross, 1992
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1 Rock of A- ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.
2 Not the la-bors of my hands can ful-fill thy law’s de-mands.
3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim-ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my eye-lids close in death,

Let the wa-ter and the blood from thy wound-ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res-pite know, could my tears for-ev-er flow,
na- ked, come to thee for dress, help- less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a-tone. Thou must save, and thou a-lone.
foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav-ior, or I die.
Rock of A- ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt.
MUSIC: Thomas Hastings, 1830, alt.
Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! This Sunday is a little bit different from our typical worship as we are adjusting to current measures to help avoid transmission of the coronavirus. Starting next Sunday, we will be gathering online via streaming audio and video at facebook.com/presbyws and we hope you’ll join us there!

Children – Children are always welcome in worship! In fact, they’re more than welcome – they are an integral part of who we are as a church (even when they have the wiggles or cry!). Sunday School for pre-school through 5th grade follows Words for Our Children during worship. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the Nursery which can be found through the double doors in the narthex. All adults working with children and youth have been screened and trained, and background checks have been conducted. Please ask one of our teachers or our friendly ushers if you have any questions!

Accessibility – Listening devices for improved sound are available from the ushers. Please ask an usher if you need any help with seating or locating accessible restrooms.

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Would you like to have someone pray for you this morning? Each Sunday one of our Stephen Ministry volunteers is ready to pray with you in the Chancel at the front of the Sanctuary after the postlude.