



Theme for 2023: "I have come so that they may have life and live it to the fullest" John 10:10



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March 12, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us
either on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

**Congregation, please stand if able*

OPENING HYMN

No. 504

“Old Rugged Cross” (vs 3 only)

POINT TO PONDER:

Pastor Melissa

**The Lenten Symbol of The Old Rugged Cross
& The INRI Sign**

BEGINNING LENT WITH PRAYER

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: The way is long, and we are thirsty.

People: We seek the living waters of Jesus.

Leader: We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful
whispers of abundance.

People: We need the living waters of Jesus.

Leader: We wonder if God will provide us with what we need,
here and now.

**People: As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God
calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our
neighbors.**

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**People: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside
out!**

ALL: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

TFWS 2108

“O How He Loves You and Me”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor Melissa

A moment of silence with God in your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God, our provider, in Christ you give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, so we want to worship you in Spirit and truth. Open our eyes to see the places in this neighborhood where our church's ministries could reach new people. Direct our gifts and offerings for your purposes, so that our community will become like a field ripe for harvest. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Hank Tharpe

***DOXOLOGY**

SCRIPTURE FOR MARCH:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Rejoice Always, Pray Continually &
Give Thanks in all Circumstances*

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OLD TESTAMENT

Yvette Cortez

Exodus 17:1-7

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

Bill Elliott

Romans 5:1-11

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***THE GOSPEL READING**

Louise Humble

John 4:5-13

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WITNESS

The Samaritan Woman

“A Funny thing Happened to me
On My Way to the Well”

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to come forward during the singing of our hymn to kneel at the altar and pray or to come to unite with the congregation. Please come as the Spirit moves you.

***SONG OF GOING FORTH**

No. 591

“Rescue the Perishing”

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: As you leave today, may you be blessed with thirst that produces compassion,

People: May our lives overflow with living waters that restore our soul and bless those around us.

Pastor: And may we share our hearts flowing with the healing waters that our parched world desperately needs. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you. Amen

POSTLUDE

Hank Tharpe