

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay

March 15th, 2020

3rd Sunday in Lent

*indicates please stand if you are able

Bolded passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude *Versets Nos 3 and 4* L Guittard

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Troait *Take Time to be Holy*

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship

Come and see the ambassador of God's friendship for us.

**We will find Jesus waiting to meet us:
in classrooms, at a shopping center,
in all the common places and moments.**

Come and hear the One who speaks of God's joy in us.

**We will listen to Jesus, whose words of grace and
peace raise the rafters of our hope.**

Come and know how much God loves you.

**We will discover Jesus, who offers us the
gift of reconciliation.**

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*Hymn *Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* **366**

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

As we quiet our minds and hearts in your presence, O God, we can feel a little frayed around the edges. Information whirls around us, promising us things we think we need. We confess we are easily distracted from your purposes. We ignore your gift of living water which can ease our thirst for those empty promises.

Hear us now in these moments of silence, as we consider before you those opportunities we missed in the past week to meet you and serve you in our encounters. (*Hold a brief silence*)

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**Renew in us the commitment to live as your people,
as strong, free, confident and compassionate people
who seek to follow Jesus day by day. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen for God's Word

*Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* **671**

Children's Time

Sharing a sign of peace

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings – Sue Heald

❖ John 4:5-42

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *I Hunger and I Thirst* **198**

Offering

**Organist's Offering
of Music**

Canzona

L. Boellmann

Doxology

When I survey the wondrous cross

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far to small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all. Words: public domain

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we offer you our gifts and our very selves, knowing that it is in your service we find true fulfillment. Bless all that we have to offer, so that we may become gifts to those who encounter us through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Choir's gift of music *Come to Jesus* Chris Rice

Prayers of the People

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

We are Sent out as God's People

*Hymn *Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World* 755

Benediction

Response *We are marching/Siyahamba* 639

We are marching in the light of God (4 times)

We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God (x2)

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Postlude *Op. 330 No. 10* J.L. Battmann

