

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 20, 2022**

**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

**WORDS TO PONDER**

“Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters ...” (NKJV)

**WELCOME**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** Merciful God, You have set the heavens above us as  
a sign of Your splendor.

**PEOPLE:** **You water the earth and cause it to bloom.**

**LEADER:** With Christ as the vine

**PEOPLE:** **And we as the branches**

**UNISON:** **Our lives can reflect the radiance of Your love  
and glory.**

**LEADER:** Wherever we look we can see Your benevolence

**PEOPLE:** **With the dawn comes new life because of Your  
grace.**

**UNISON:** **We gather to worship, praise, and adore You,  
God of all mercy.**

**OPENING HYMN:** *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” #85 Red*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Come to the bush that burns but is not consumed.

Approach the holy ground where God, who is unseen, is  
made known. In awe and reverence come before the God  
from whom we cannot hide. Here all our sins are exposed.  
Here and now God forgives as we confess and let go of our  
sins.

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We admit, God of mercy, that we need Your coaxing in order to live full, vital lives. We waste our lives, money, energy, and time here. Draw us away from empty, living deaths. Let us listen to Your call to live. In this searching Lenten time, let us become acquainted with the lasting satisfaction of a higher way of life. Hear our personal pleas for Your mercy.

### **TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION**

### **UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God does not deal with us according to our sins or repay us according to our iniquities. Bless the Lord, who forgives all our iniquity, heals all our diseases, and redeems our lives from the pit. God is merciful and gracious, removing our transgressions from us and pitying all who fear God. The God of steadfast love leads us from our bondage into freedom from our sin. Praise God!

**HOLY SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 63:1–8, Isaiah 55:1–11

### **CHILDREN'S STORYTIME**

**SERMON:** "Spiritual Drought"

### **PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

**CLOSING HYMN:** "In the Garden" Words on Screen

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:** #881 Black

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN

### **BENEDICTION**