THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 7, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE  
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ  
“Choral Dorien”  
Jehan Alain  
“Jesus, Lead Thou On (Seelenbräutigam)”  
arr. Paul Manz

OPENING WORDS  
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD’S PEACE  
The Rev. Dr. Bush
Leader:  La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.  
The peace of Christ be with you.
People:  Y también contigo.  
And also with you.

ACOLYTE CANDLE LIGHTING VIDEO  
Dawn and Juliette Young

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)  
Kathryn Ophardt
Leader:  The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.
People:  Although they have no words of language, the sound of their proclamation has gone out into all lands and their message to the ends of the world.
Leader:  For the teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the providence of God refreshes and meets our every need.
People:  Let the words of my mouth, the meditation of my heart, and our acts of worship today be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God.

HYMN #31 (vs. 1-3)  
“Let Us With a Gladsome Mind”  
MONKLAND
Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:  
For God’s mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
God, with all-commanding might, filled the new-made world with light:  
For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need:  
For God’s mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION  
The Rev. Dr. Bush

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON  
Ephesians 4:1-7  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.
Leader:  This is the word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God!
TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Hymn #509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer of Illumination

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Exodus 16:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Sermon “Bread From Heaven”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Time of Silent Reflection

Offering Invitation & Prayer

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Hymn #527 “Eat This Bread”

Berthier

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.
— THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER  The Rev. Schoenewolf

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER  The Rev. Dr. Bush

WORDS OF INSTITUTION  The Rev. Dr. Bush

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  Adrianna Cleveland

God of grace, in days past you refreshed a wandering people with water, manna and quail. Today you have renewed us at your table with the cup and bread of life. May this meal strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #65  “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

BLESSING & BENEEDICTION  The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE  Dr. Moore, organ

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  arr. Paul Manz
LET US WITH A GLAD SOME MIND (vs. 1-3)

1 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the
2 God, with all - com - mand - ing might, filled the
3 All things liv - ing God does feed; with full
4 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the

Lord who is so kind:
new - made world with light:
mea - sure, meets their need:
Lord who is so kind:

shall en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

These few stanzas are among the least florid of the two dozen that make up the rather flamboyant paraphrase of Psalm 136 written by the fifteen-year-old who would become one of the greatest English poets. It is set here to a sprightly tune with Moravian connections.

TEXT: John Milton, 1624, alt.
MUSIC: Attributed to Antonio, c. 1790; harm. John B. Wilkes, 1861
ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-com-e guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-der-ing. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion’s love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace et-er-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.
This text from the Taizé Community is based on John 6:35, which is paraphrased here in two styles. The more immediate first version maintains the second-person invitation spoken by Jesus, while the alternative version provides a more general statement in the third person.
GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more. Be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield. I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud your pillar lead me. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more. Be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield. I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more. Be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield. I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907
CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7
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