**First Free Methodist Church of Saginaw**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 19, 2023**



*“A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’"*

*(John 4:7)*

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**Prelude**

**\*\*Greeting/Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (*spoken responsively*)

L: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice

**P: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne**

L: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous

**P: He guards the lives of his faithful**

L: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth

**P: All the peoples behold his glory**

L: The Lord is exalted far above all gods

**P: Give thanks to his holy name**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Take My Life and Let it Be” #455 (vv.1,4-6)

**Take my life and let it be**

**Consecrated, Lord, to thee**

**Take my moments and my days**

**Let them flow in endless praise**

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**Take my silver and my gold**

**Not a mite would I withhold**

**Take my intellect and use**

**Every power as thou shalt choose**

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**Take my silver and my gold**

**Not a mite would I withhold**

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**Take my will and make it Thine**

**It shall be no longer mine**

**Take my heart it is Thine own**

**It shall be Thy royal throne**

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**\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

L: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus the Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world; Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him. You who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature, grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples…

**P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done in 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*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 of the Peace**

**Hymn:** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #239 (vv.1-4)

**When I survey the wondrous cross**

**On which the Prince of glory died**

**My richest gain I count but loss**

**And pour contempt on all my pride**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast**

**Save in the death of Christ, my God!**

**All the vain things that charm me most**

**I sacrifice them to his blood**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet**

**Sorrow and love flow mingled down**

**Did e'er such love and sorrow meet**

**Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine**

**That were a present far too small**

**Love so amazing, so divine**

**Demands my soul, my life, my all**

**Congregational Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**P: For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Gospel Lesson**:

**Sermon**

**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord in Your Mercy…

**P: Hear our prayer.**

**Hymn of Response****:** “Surely Goodness and Mercy” #386 (vv.1-3)

**A pilgrim was I, and a wandering**

**In the cold night of sin I did roam**

**When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me**

**And now I am on my way home**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**All the days, all the days of my life**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**All the days, all the days of my life**

**He restoreth my soul when I'm weary**

**He giveth me strength day by day**

**He leads me beside the still waters**

**He guards me each step of the way**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**All the days, all the days of my life**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**All the days, all the days of my life**

**When I walk through the dark lonesome valley**

**My savior will walk with me there**

**And safely His great hand will lead me**

**To the mansions He's gone to prepare**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**All the days, all the days of my life**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**All the days, all the days of my life**

**Invitation of Offering**

L:Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who sought the lost so that we may become heirs with Christ. Let our worship be an expression of God’s extravagant grace towards us, as we collect this morning’s tithes and offerings.

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host**

**Praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

**\*Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**: “Wonderful Grace of Jesus” #360 (vv.1-3)

**Wonderful grace of Jesus,**

**Greater than all my sin;**

**How shall my tongue describe it,**

**Where shall its praise begin?**

**Taking away my burden,**

**Setting my spirit free;**

**For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,**

**Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;**

**Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,**

**All-sufficient grace for even me!**

**Broader than the scope of my transgressions,**

**Greater far than all my sin and shame;**

**Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus,**

**Praise His Name!**

**Wonderful grace of Jesus,**

**Reaching to all the lost,**

**By it I have been pardoned,**

**Saved to the uttermost;**

**Chains have been torn asunder,**

**Giving me liberty;**

**For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,**

**Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;**

**Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,**

**All-sufficient grace for even me!**

**Broader than the scope of my transgressions,**

**Greater far than all my sin and shame;**

**Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus,**

**Praise His Name!**

**Wonderful grace of Jesus**

**Reaching the most reviled**

**By its transforming power**

**Making me God’s dear child**

**Purchasing peace and heaven**

**For all eternity**

**For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me**

**Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,**

**Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;**

**Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,**

**All-sufficient grace for even me!**

**Broader than the scope of my transgressions,**

**Greater far than all my sin and shame;**

**Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus,**

**Praise His Name!**

**\*Benediction**

L: May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us, Christ be over all! May Thy Grace, Lord, Always be ours, This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.