**Midweek Worship Plan for Thursday, March 9, 2023**

**Gathering**

**Greeting**

Response: **And also with you.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Psalm - Read Responsively - Carmen Hasdorff: Psalm 95**

1Come, let us sing **|** to the Lord;  
  let us shout for joy to the rock of **|** our salvation.  
 2**Let us come before God’s presence | with thanksgiving**  
  **and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.**  
 3For you, Lord, **|** are a great God,  
  and a great ruler a- **|** bove all gods.  
 4**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**  
  **the heights of the hills are | also yours.**  
 5The sea is yours, **|** for you made it,  
  and your hands have molded **|** the dry land.  
 6**Come, let us worship | and bow down,**  
  **let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.** R  
 7For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep **|** of God’s hand.  
  Oh, that today you would **|** hear God’s voice!  
 8**“Harden | not your hearts,**  
  **as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**  
 9There your ancestors **|** tested me,  
  they put me to the test, though they had **|** seen my works.  
 10**Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,**  
  **‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.’**  
 11Indeed I swore **|** in my anger,  
  ‘They shall never come **|** to my rest.’ ” R

**Song*Just As I Am, without One Plea*  (ELW 592)**

**Reading - Carmen Hasdorff: Romans 5:1-11**

A reading from Romans.

1Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.  
 6For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. 9Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 10For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Word of Grace - Pastor Christie**

**Time of Silence & Prayer Supplications**

**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,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**Communion**

**Song*Shout to the Lord*  (W&P 124)**

**Blessing**

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