

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

MEDITATION

Each life is made up of mistakes and learning, waiting and growing, practicing patience and being persistent. Billy Graham

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit This is the Day # 658

*Call to Worship (*please stand as you are able)

One: Come to the water, all you who thirst.

All: We come to drink deeply from the river of life.

One: Come to the water, all you who are weary.

All: We come to rest in the quiet pools of God’s love.

One: Come to the water, all you who long for a justice.

All: We come to be renewed in God’s ever-flowing stream. For God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives, and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst. Let us worship God together.

— Inspired by Isaiah 55:1-3.

*Hymn Hymn of Promise #707

Song: *Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing— you are my own.*

Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (together, seated)

Holy God, we receive your invitation to worship you with joy and thanks. We enter your presence to acknowledge you as our creator, redeemer, rock and guide. You alone are holy and

worthy of the devotion and adoration of our hearts. We thank you for your presence which is constant, your grace which is limitless, your love which is unending. We praise you for your mighty acts, your faithful word and your ageless wisdom. **Prepare our hearts that in this hour all that we do may honor you as Lord praying, 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. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scriptures Psalm 63 (responsive pg 788)

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon Waiting Again? Rev. Stoddard

Interlude

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

*Doxology #95

*Unison Offering Prayer

We come to this familiar place and give in gratitude for all which we have received. We give not because we pledged to, and not because we have to. We give because we can. We give in response to the life of Christ, given for us. We give in joy because of love, overflowing and unconditional. O God, let it be so. Amen.

*Hymn Blessed Assurance #369

Benediction (seated)

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the Parish Hall after the service.

Special thanks to Georgia Halliday & Violet Southwick for sharing their musical talents with us.