

*Jesus asks the man at the side of the pool, what do you want me to do for you?*

*\* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able*

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## LET US GATHER

**PRELUDE** *The Water Is Wide* trad./E.Broughton

### WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey,  
you are welcome here.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** *Sing To The Lord* Taizé

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your word is a lantern to my feet

**ALL: And a light upon my path**

One: Accept O Lord the willing tribute of my lips

**ALL: And teach me your ways**

One: Keep us O Lord as the apple of your eye

**ALL: Hide us in the shadow of your wings**

## LET US PREPARE

**\*HYMN** *As The Sun Doth Daily Rise (vs 1,2,5)* R33

### UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

**O God in the stillness of this worship may we grow closer to You. You are often closest to us when we feel You have forgotten us. The toil and thought of daily life leave us little time to turn to You. So as we pause now from all without, may we find You anew within. Let us pray together in the words that Jesus taught us: Our Father...**

## LET US LISTEN

**READING** Psalm 40: 1-9  
John 5: 2-9

**HYMN** *O Christ The Healer, We Have Come (vs 1,2,4)* B175

### REFLECTION

**ANTHEM** *There Is A Balm* trad./S.Poorman

*You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.*

## LET US RESPOND

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns** *Medima*  
Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

L: Let the people say ...

**P: Amen and Amen.**

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

**OFFERTORY** *Musical Meditation*

**\*DOXOLOGY** *B778 (tune: B780: Bourgeois, 1551)*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

**Grant O God that your life-giving Spirit may move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, and hatreds cease. Help us to devote ourselves to the welfare of others, especially those in sorrow or any kind of trouble. We pray Gracious God for the First Church community during this time of transition. Give us patience with each other, and steadfast hope in Your guiding hand. Amen.**

## LET US GO FORTH

**\*HYMN** *We Year, O Christ, For Wholeness* B179

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*AMEN (*sevenfold*)**

**POSTLUDE**

*Fuga*

*R594*

*J.Pachelbel*

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<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The People</b>
<b>Guest Preacher:</b>	<b>Rev. Cathy George</b>
<b>Minister of Music:</b>	<b>Gene Faxon</b>
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	<b>Marcia Breckenridge</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Charlotte and Lee DeBell</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Lisa Bostnar and Steve Jackson</b>
<b>Setup:</b>	<b>Ben Wheeler</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	

*Please join us in the Parish House immediately following worship  
for coffee and conversation.*

*The photo on the bulletin cover was taken by Carol Hess.*

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**First Sunday in Lent**

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