



# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Ask



a Lenten series

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

*Each week throughout this season, we are providing the opportunity to zoom in on one question and one snippet of the much longer story that was heard in worship on Sunday. Through music, prayer, and reflection we invite you to ponder and identify the questions that rise in you.*

Prelude  
Reverie

William Grant

## **HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

*assisted by* Nancy Price, cantor  
Chrisanne Gates, cantor/piano  
Sue Cardinal, flute

## **SERVICE OF LIGHT**

PROCESSION  
EVENING HYMN  
EVENING THANKSGIVING

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PSALMODY

# O FAITHFUL GOD

Psalm 51

MARTIN'S RIDGE



1. O faith-ful God, have mer-cy on your ser-vant here;  
2. I know my deeds, I know my faults and fail-ings well;  
3. You long for truth, for wis-dom dwell-ing deep with-in;



in your love, re-mem-ber not my sins. In the  
I have sinned and bro-ken faith with you. For the  
teach my heart to long for wis-dom, too: Wash me



wa-ters of your grace, wash me clean of all dis-grace;  
wrong that I have done, my trans-gres-sions, ev-'ry one,  
clean and give me voice, so these bones you crushed re-joice;



raise me up to life from death and fear.  
God your judg-ment would be just and true.  
turn my heart from sin to life in you.



4. Cre-ate in me a clean and right-eous heart, O God, put a



will-ing spir-it in my soul. Let me sing with joy a-new the sal-



va-tion found in you, sing-ing praise to you who made me whole.

## PRAYER

Holy One, you are steadfast love and abundant mercy to all who turn to you. Create within us hearts of love and compassion. Place in us spirits that are eager to live with integrity. Give us voice to sing to you with gratitude and to proclaim you with courage and conviction. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ.

**Amen.**

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CURIOUS

John 4:7-11

A reading from John.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

### OFFERING OF MUSIC

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

words, Nancy Price and Don Besig  
music, Don Besig

*Silence for meditation*

THE MAGNIFICAT

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LITANY AND PRAYERS

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FINAL BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN

Stay with Us

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## DISMISSAL

Go now to serve the Messiah Jesus, the source of living water.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **BLC Musicians**

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Dr. Jim Jefferis, Director of The Chancel Choir

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

**Share in Simple Suppers** each Wednesday at 6:00 PM immediately before our Wednesday evening Service of Holden Evening Prayer. Simple Suppers continue through **March 29**. Volunteers are always welcome to help set-up, serve and clean up afterwards.

**Parking on Wednesday evening.** . . we may use the Board of Education building parking lot but BLC members and guests are asked to avoid using the 3 parking spaces adjacent to the northern walkway leading from the parking lot to the Board of Education building.

**Communicate with us:** Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website -

<https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

**What's happening at BLC this week?** Visit the Calendar of Events at [www.blcfairport.org](http://www.blcfairport.org). Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please email the church office at [office@blcfairport.org](mailto:office@blcfairport.org) or visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>

**Church office hours:** Our co-Pastors are available Sunday-Thursday and on-call for emergencies. Contact them directly to schedule an appointment either by calling (585)223-0634 or emailing [pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org](mailto:pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org) or [pastor.amy@blcfairport.org](mailto:pastor.amy@blcfairport.org).