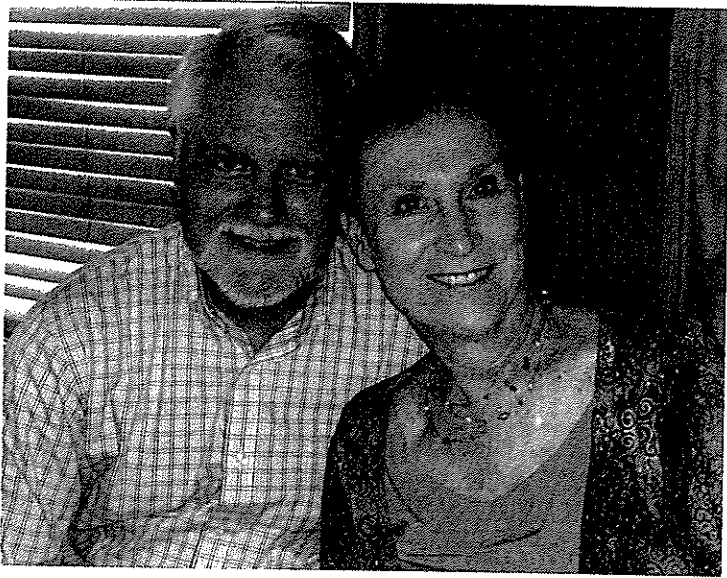


**\*Welcome our New *Temporary* Pastors:**

**Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader & Rev. Joy Bergfalk!**



The Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader and Rev. Joy Bergfalk prefer to be called Jimmy and Joy. Married since 1999, they have a blended family of eight children and 37 grandchildren living in several states. As co-pastors, they bring a combined 93 years of ministry to their pastoral work in Victor.

After decades of ministry in Kansas, Jimmy served as interim pastor at four Presbyterian churches and retired in 2021 from the United Church of Pittsford. Joy served Baptist and Presbyterian churches in Minnesota, Iowa, and New York, and has preached at dozens of churches in recent years while being the executive director of the Coffee Connection, a non-profit business empowering women in recovery from addiction, trauma, and incarceration.

Both are ordained American Baptist clergy.

# *First Presbyterian Church* IN VICTOR

WHOEVER YOU ARE.  
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

Third Sunday of Lent

## **First Presbyterian Church**

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**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader  
& Rev. Joy Bergfalk

**Organist** Ayn Patrowicz

**Order of Worship**                      **March 12th, 2023, 10am**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent-- Communion Sunday**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

*As the deer pants for water, so my heart pants for you.*  
~Psalm 41

**Prelude**                                      "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"  
arr. by Lloyd Larson

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Responsive Call to Worship**                                      *(Psalm 95)*

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**  
For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains as well.  
**The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**  
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
**For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand. O, that today you would listen to God's voice!**

**\*Opening Hymn** *No.150*                                      "Come Christians Join to Sing"

**\*Invocation**

**Scripture Reading**                                      **Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**O Creator of all humankind, we acknowledge that we often do not see the image of God imprinted on every person. So much divides us: race, religion, theology, understanding of gender, politics, and war. Restore our sight and give us the grace to see each human being as you do, with their brilliance and their failures, pain and celebrations. Restore all of us, to the likeness of you that stamped on our hearts. We pray in Jesus' name.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Children's Time**

**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

**Open our eyes and ears and heart for your love to expand in our lives, for all others on this planet, and also for ourselves.**

**Scripture Reading**

**John 4:5-42**

So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

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.) 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."

(cont.)

## Scripture Reading (cont.)

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."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."

The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."

So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

## Sermon

"Ain't I a Woman?"

\*Hymn of Response *GTG No.626* "As the Deer Pants for Water"

## Offering

### \*Doxology

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**We give the but thine own—all that we have comes from your hand. We are so grateful! And now bless our tithes and offerings and our very lives to be your instruments of grace in our world. Amen**

## Communion

**Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer**

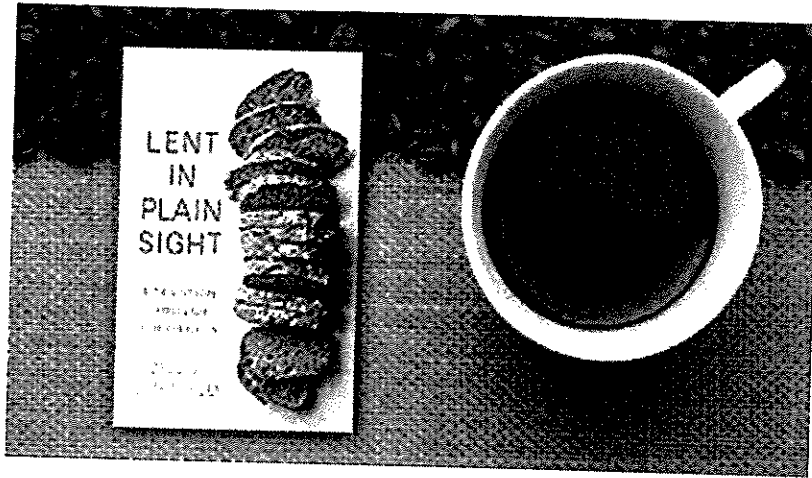
\*Closing Song *GTG No.522*

"I am the Bread of Life"

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

"Voluntary in d/D" by John Stanley



**Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:  
\*details on each event in your eNews\***

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**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, March 12th \*Daylight Savings**

3rd Sunday in Lent, Communion

- 10 am Sunday Worship (Youth Group during worship)
- 11:15 am Fellowship Hour & Lent Book Study
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

**Tuesday, March 14th**

- 10 am Free Panera
- 7 pm Bridge Class
- 7 pm Session Meeting

**Wednesday, March 15th**

- 1 pm Blanket Squares Group

**Thursday, March 16th**

- Noon Bridge Class

**Saturday, March 18th**

- 10-3 pm GV Handspinners
- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Baked Ziti)

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***Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-***

***AV: Bill Martz***

***Liturgist: Larry Teel***

**Lent Book Study**

Grab a cup of coffee after worship and join us for a 7-week study on the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. The study will run on Sundays from February 19th through April 2nd. Topics for each week include:

✓ Week One, Feb 19 & 26: **Dust and Ash Wednesday**

✓ Week Two, March 5: **Bread**

⇒ Week Three, March 12: **Cross**

Week Four, March 19: **Coins**

Week Five, March 26: **Shoes**

Week Six, March 2: **Oil**

Week Seven, April 16: **Holy Week and Easter Sunday**

## 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Spanish folk melody  
 Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

1. Come, Christians, join to sing  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high;  
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain;

Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!

A - men!  
 A - men!  
 A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King;  
 Let prais - es fill the sky;  
 Life shall not end the strain;

Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!

A - men!  
 A - men!  
 A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice,  
 He is our guide and friend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore

Be - fore His throne re - joice;  
 To us He'll con - de - scend;  
 His good - ness we'll a - dore,

Praise is His gra - cious choice;  
 His love shall nev - er end;  
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - er - more,

Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!"

A - men!  
 A - men!  
 A - men!"

## As the Deer

D A Bm Dsus D  
 As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my

G A7sus A7 D G A7 D A  
 soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G Asus A7 D  
 heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Bm Bm/A G D/F# G Bm  
 You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone

Em F#sus F# D A  
 may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

Bm Dsus D G A7sus A7 D  
 heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

This praise chorus begins as a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1 and later incorporates parts of Psalm 28:7. In some early Christian communities, people chanted or sang Psalm 42 on their way to be baptized, and many early Christian baptisteries were decorated with deer drinking water.

*Leader or All* A F#m A C#m

1 "I am the bread of life. You who  
2 "The bread that I will give is my  
3 "Un - less you eat of the  
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion; that  
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

D Esus E

to me shall not hun - get, and who be -  
flesh for the life of the world, and if you  
flesh of the Son of Man and  
I am the life. If you be -  
you are the Christ, the

A C#m D E/D A C#m

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to

eat of this bread, you shall live for -  
drink his blood, and drink of his  
lieve in me, who e - ven though you  
Son of God, has

F#m F#m/E Bm7 E

me ev - er; Fa - ther beck - ons."

blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
die, you shall live for - ev - er."  
come in - to the world.

*Refrain* All A E A D E

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,"

As the quotation marks suggest, the first four stanzas and refrain are quoted from Jesus (John 6:35, 44, 51, 53; 11:25), while the fifth stanza draws on the words of Martha (John 11:27), voicing our response also. Being mindful of these differences allows more prayerful singing.

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I AM THE BREAD  
Irregular

A D Esus E7 A

and I will raise you up on the last day."