

March 18, 2020

# 40 DAYS WITH JESUS

“Woman at the Temple”

*“Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will  
build it again.”*

*John 2:19*

# LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Buresh

The Service Participant: Kristie Traverso

Opening Dialogue inspired by Psalm 43

L: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause

**C: From those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me**

L: In you, O Lord, I take refuge

**C: For the world strives to oppress me**

L: I am burdened by the weight it brings

**C: And, in weakness, give in**

L: Send your light and your truth

**C: Let them lead me**

L: Let me go into your presence

**C: And find through you relief and joy**

L: Peace and a place to fit

**C: Forgiveness and love**

L: I shall praise my help and my God

**C: My hope is in God**

+ The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

**God of justice, few would consider our world safe. Dangers are real. But inspire us to turn our hearts towards you, our hope and advocate. That as we navigate the challenges, we do so alongside you. May your loving presence and the gift of forgiveness we find in Jesus comfort us now and always. Amen.**

The Reading . . . . . John 2:13-22

The Dramatic Monologue: *Woman at the Temple*

The Voluntary

+ The Prayers

*We begin with a time of silent prayer. Take this time to lift up the prayers of your heart to God while surrounded by the community of saints. The silence will be ended by the leader concluding with a spoken prayer.*

Prayer spoken by Pastor:

God of all, you stand with us in our times of need. Where insecurity and challenge penetrate our lives, you are there with comfort. Where injustice and oppression take place, you are there with righteous anger. In Christ you set before us the call to join in your work. To stand against evil and for that which is Godly. Strengthen us in our resolve that your love may be spread to those who feel vulnerable and to ourselves when we feel endangered. Help us now and always to hold dearly the message of Christ that proclaims how you are stronger than the world.

+ The Lord's Prayer

+ The Benediction and Sending

L: The greatness of God is on display as God's people are faithful

**C: Let us glorify God**

L: The promises of Christ go with us now and always

**L: Let our lives humbly reflect God's glory. Amen.**

