



"La femme samaritaine" by Corinne Vonaesch

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina gathers for
The Worship of God
The Third Sunday in Lent, March 12, 2023

Jesus, you sometimes left so that people could face themselves.
May we face ourselves, in the wilderness and the world,
and recognize the forces that drive us,
so that they do not always drive us. Amen.

Pádraig Ó Tuama

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Christ Candle Ava Danford

Opening the Bible Emerson Culbreth

Prelude Matt Messick *organist*

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

†Call to Worship Rev. Sherouse

(based on Psalm 95)

O, Come, let us sing to the Lord, who created this astounding world—

**From the valleys below to the mountains above. Sea and land, earth
and stars,**

The life in it and on it is full of wonder, but more wonderful still—

To know ourselves as children of God.

We wait for the voice of the Lord.

We open our hearts to the Lord.

We rest in the love of the Lord.

O, Come, let us sing to the Lord.

†Hymn 52

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

†Passing of the Peace

Words of Friendship Rev. Seth Hix

A Time for Children Rev. Buck Cochran

Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.

†Call to Prayer

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” HAMBURG

Worshippers are asked to move toward the cross in the center of the sanctuary as we sing together our Call to Prayer.

Stanza 3

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

†Prayers of God's People Rev. Amy Starr Russell

Stanza 4

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Gospel Lesson Rev. Chris Cherry
Excerpts from John 4

Sermon Rev. Courtney Willis

†Hymn of Response 514

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” ASSURANCE

Stewardship Prayer Kara Cox, *deacon*

Choral Offering, Sanctuary Choir

“No Hands But Yours” text by St. Teresa of Avila, 16th Century; music by Jerome Williams

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; No hands but yours;

No feet but yours; Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world.

Yours are the feet on which His is to go about doing good.

And yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Matt Messick *organist*

