

Willow Springs Sunday Worship 9:30 am, Lent 5, April 3, 2022

From scarcity to abundance

Focus

As we seek God's way, we move from the fear that there is not enough to the freedom of living within God's abundance.

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: **who makes a way in the sea
and provides rivers in the desert.**

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty
as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: **We live within the abundance of God,**

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

All: **as we worship God together.**

Prayer

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

People: **Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.**

Leader: We seek God's ways. (*Snip the cord.*)

All: **Lord, move us from our scarcity mentality into your abundant life.**

Songs

Lenten prayer of confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One,
we seek you while you may be found.

People: **We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.

People: **Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity. Help us live into your abundance.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly

All: **and follow your way more faithfully.**

Prayer

You have assured us, O God, that you make a path in the wilderness, a river in the desert. In the words of Scripture and the experiences of your people, over and over again the answer was always right under our nose, the provision was always there before we could see it. May we trust in the gifts that have been given. May we trust that they are enough, enough and overflowing to the point that they may pass through us like a river in the desert, like perfume over our Savior's feet. Even now the fragrance fills the air. May we breathe deeply your abundance.

Song

Children's time

Scripture Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, John 12:1-8, Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon Mighty Water: S.O.S. or S?

Reflection questions

- Where can you give *something*?
- Where can you give *all*?

Songs

Sharing/Pastoral prayer

After prayer times ***“Lord, in your mercy”*** respond with ***“hear our prayer.”***

Offering Song

Announcements – Today, Ellie and Carol share about Belize Mission trip after worship, April 10 Palm Sunday. **April 14** Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae, 7:00 pm, **April 17** Easter Sunday

Sending From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of abundance. May you recognize messages of scarcity as lies and open your eyes to the abundant life of God in this world. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.

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