

LENT



the darkness of disconnection

Mid-Week Lent 3
February 28, 2024
“The Darkness of Disconnection”

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary
(stanzas 1-3)

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

C: **O Lord, who could stand?**

P: But with You there is forgiveness;

C: **so that we may worship You and serve You.**

(silence for personal confession and self-reflection)

P: Father of all grace and mercy,

C: **I ask that You pour out Your mercy over me. My sin is heavy, and I long to be free. I am empty and I’m anxious to be filled. Restore to me the joy of my salvation. Make me alive again in my relationship with Jesus through Your Holy Spirit. O Lord, have mercy on me.**

P: Dear friends, God’s word never fails. In Christ, you are made new. By the saving love of Jesus Christ, and by the wisdom and power of God the Father, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM OF THE DAY – PSALM 42

*(Sung) Why my soul are you downcast. Why so disturbed within me?
My hope is in God, I will praise Him. My Savior and my God.*

**As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?
My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”**

**These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God
under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise
among the festive throng.**

*(Sung) Why my soul are you downcast. Why so disturbed within me?
My hope is in God, I will praise Him. My Savior and my God.*

**Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you**

*(Sung) Why my soul are you downcast. Why so disturbed within me?
My hope is in God, I will praise Him. My Savior and my God.*

**Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers have swept over me.
By day the LORD directs his love,
at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.**

*(Sung) Why my soul are you downcast. Why so disturbed within me?
My hope is in God, I will praise Him. My Savior and my God.*

**I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?”
My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”**

*(Sung) Why my soul are you downcast. Why so disturbed within me?
My hope is in God, I will praise Him. My Savior and my God.*

