## BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH Lent 3 - Sunday March 19, 2017 Restore us, O God! We thirst.



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## **GATHERING IN FAITH AND WORSHIP**

Prelude Welcome Call to Worship

In a dry and weary land,

restore us, O God.

Parches and depleted,

restore us, O God.

Longing for your living water,

restore us, O God. We thirst.

Receive our worship as a sign of our yearning for you.

Prayer

**Hymns** Come, let us all unite to sing #12 HWB

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

**Giving Our First Fruit Offerings** 

Children's Offering: Children's School Project in Kenya

## **HEARING GOD'S STORY**

Scripture Woman at the well Children's Story

John 4

Dorothy H You are all we have #29 STJ

Confession and Assurance

O God, you are the living Water. You restore us to life. We confess that in the desert moments of our lives we forget your faithfulness. Our bodies grow tired; our hearts dry up. Our minds become clouded and we do not remember that you are our deliverer.

When we see the dryness behind and before us, we quarrel among ourselves and burden one another. We cry out: Is the Lord even among us?

Forgive us, O God, for in the harshness of life's desert journey we quickly focus on ourselves. We forget that you have been, you are, and you will forever be our deliverer.

Restore in us a remembering spirit, that we may hope in you again. Renew our hearts, O God. Make us generous in our praise, that we may worship you anew.

SILENCE

God, our living Water,

restore us.

Let all who thirst, come. Come and drink from the living Water. Come and draw freely from the well of our Lord, which will never run dry.

Scripture

John 4:5-42

Sermon Thirst-Quenching

Eleanor Epp-Stobbe

Hymn

There is a well #64 STS

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Praying Together

Hymn Benediction

Postlude

O healing river #372 HWB