

St. Timothy's
Episcopal Church

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

A Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, February 28, 5 pm
Sunday, March 1, 10:15 am

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

How Can I Keep From Singing

Gather 598



1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
3. What, though my joys and com-fort die, The
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A



bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes
Lord, my sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark - ness
foun - tain ev - er spring-ing. All things are mine since



far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?
gath - er 'round? Songs in the night it giv - eth.
I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm



cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

Please kneel as you are able.

Liturgical Greeting

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

A minute of silence is observed.

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S96

Priest Lord have mercy.
People **Christ have mercy.**
Priest Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

Deacon God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Deacon Let us pray together

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Children Living the Word Commissioning

At this time, children ages 4 years old through 4th grade are invited downstairs to Children Living the Word, returning before communion.

Loving God, who told us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus himself, bless these children. Guide us as we encourage them in your ways, so that they might become disciples who are your hands and feet and voice in this world. Amen.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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The First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**

9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation
and said, *
**"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

The Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

The Servant Song

Gather 661

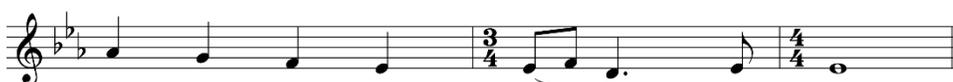
Sing v. 1-3 before the Gospel, v. 4-5 following



1., 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such



Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; We are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er



Let you be my ser - vant, too.
Walk the mile and bear - the load.
Speak the peace you long to hear.
'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Text: Richard Gillard, b.1953
Tune: Richard Gillard, b.1953; harm. by Betty Pulkingham, b.1929
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Gospel

John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what

we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

“Women at the Well: 20 years of Spirit and Truth”
Pastor Paul Witmer

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For David Jarvinen, Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Deb Krueger, Jane Crabill, Frank Harrison, and Dan Lovett, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Jeff, Riley, Peggy, Ryan, Beth, Christopher, and Kristina;

For those to be married, especially Katie & Ben, Abigail & Garth, and Lucy & Lena;

For those celebrating an anniversary, especially Chuck & LeAnn;

For those expecting the birth of a child, especially Callie & Eric;

For those attending New Beginnings this weekend, especially Maggie, Millie, Mary, Lucy, Redgie, Henry, McB, Marcy, Kevin, and Kay-Kay;

For our Ministry of the Month, St. Timothy's Flower Guild; and

For our 2nd Offering partner in March, Women at the Well.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Marshall, and Parker;

For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;

For those in discernment for ministry, especially Joe;

For our Re-Entry Partner Becca and her Re-Entry Team of Amy, Larry, Bill, and Jeanie;

For Coordinators and Faculty of EfM, for all Christian Formation and Licensed Ministers, and for Trinity Cathedral in Davenport and St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Des Moines in the Diocese of Iowa;

For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Eswatini;
For all victims of gun violence;
For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

Silence. The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Lead Me, Lord

Wesley, arr. Leavitt

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Gather 397, v. 1

***The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Expansive Language Prayer C

Priest God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Hymnal S129

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread,
said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his
friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

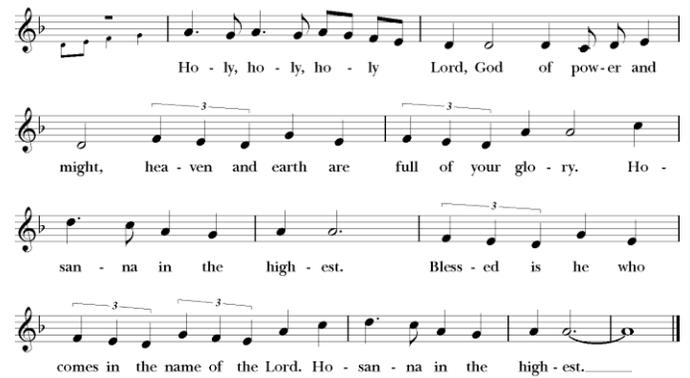
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us your peace.**

Communion

You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

*To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the chalice. Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**. To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest. **If you are unable to come forward**, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.*



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bowc us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

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Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
 4. O for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

Call - ing for you and for me; See, on the
 Plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we
 Pass - ing from you and from me; Shad - ows are
 Prom - ised for you and for me; Though we have

por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies,
 gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,
 sinned He has mer - cy and par - don,

Watch - ing for you and for me.
 Mer - cies for you and for me?
 Com - ing for you and for me.
 Par - don for you and for me.

Come home, come home, Ye who are wea - ry, come
 home; Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing— Call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Tune: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

Dismissal

Deacon Let us now go forth with our eyes caught, our ears opened, our attention captured to turn toward God's vision for our world. Let us follow God's call to be God's love in the world.

People **We will with God's help.**

Postlude

Following our Sunday morning service, please join us for a celebration honoring Jovan Sankovic as he retires as our sexton.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Guest Preacher

Pastor Paul Witmer

Music Director

Don Agee

Acolytes

OPEN, OPEN, Henry Mertens

Chalice Bearers

OPEN (5 pm)

Lyndy Wells, Amelia Bylund (10:15 am)

Lector/Litanist

Michael Irving (5 pm)

Lyndy Wells, OPEN (10:15 am)

Oblation Bearers

OPEN (5 pm)

Marty Wells, Maggie McGill (10:15 am)

Ushers

Alex Volker (5 pm)

Larry Shea, Tim Goldman (10:15 am)

Altar Guild

Jean Larson (5 pm)

Marjorie Joelson, Lexi Brennan (10:15 am)

Live Stream Coordinator

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Vestry Representative

Annie Waskom

2nd OFFERING PARTNER



WOMEN AT THE WELL

Women at the Well is a United Methodist congregation which is located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, Iowa. We offer a worship service at the prison every Friday at 3:00 pm, as well as Biblical study and reentry support at the Fresh Start Women's Center in Des Moines and the Women's Center for Change in Waterloo. Our worship service, Bible study and reentry support allow incarcerated women and those recently released to share in the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to experience the life transforming Spirit of God.

We are a diverse community composed of women incarcerated at ICIW and many volunteers outside the walls who regularly support our ministries and programs. St. Timothy's is a partner congregation of Women at the Well.

To learn more about Women at the Well, visit their website: womenatthewellumc.org/
If you would like to help support this ministry financially, visit sttimothyiowa.org/donate