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Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.



The Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

WELCOME. *We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following worship, please join us for fellowship and refreshments.*

Large Print Hymnals and Children's Activity Bags
are available from the Usher.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God,
for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

**All: Listen, listen to me,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**

One: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

**All: God's Word will not return empty
Is will accomplish through us God's holy purpose.**

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills will sing;
the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

One: Thanks be to God, for God's steadfast love.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #409 *"God Is Here"*

*Prayer of Confession:

—based on Psalm 130:3-6, NIV

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.
In this spirit of seeking and receiving,
let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**All: God of compassion,
you are slow to anger and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you
with penitent hearts.**

**Receive in your loving embrace
all who come home to you.**

**Seat them at your bountiful table of grace,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight
on all that satisfies the hungry heart.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence.... Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

—based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV

One: The Lord God said:
I will give you a new heart
and put a new spirit within you;

**All: I will remove from you your heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.**

One: Brothers and sisters:
In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."
Hear the good news:

**All: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed,
healed, and renewed!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Celebration of Our Pardon**

Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

***The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 15:21-28

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Enough for All”

The Rev. Dr. Steve Robertson

***Hymn #504**

“We Come as Guests Invited”

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is indeed right....

(the prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward to receive the elements. If you are unable to move forward the servers will come to you in your pew.

Prayer Following the Meal

**Welcoming God: At this table in this place,
we have touched and tasted the signs and symbols of your
love for us.**

**Grant now that in response and with thanksgiving,
we may go from here, filled with grace and joy
in our hearts.**

**And may the joy we have experienced in this place,
guide our work and be a visible part our daily lives.
Amen.**

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

***Offertory Response**

Hymn #607 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn #546** *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

***Charge and Blessing**

*Response

Hymn #80

“You Shall Go Out With Joy”

*You shall go out with joy
And be let forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the fields
Will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.*

Postlude

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.