

Service of Worship

First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019 10:15 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*Call to Worship *Psalm 100*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

People: Worship God with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Sovereign is God. It is God that made us.

People: And we are God’s; we are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, enter God’s courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to God, and bless God’s name.

Leader: For God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever,

People: and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 385

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Psalm 100

*Invocation

O God, on the first Sunday of Lent, in this season of reflection, speak to us through the words and melodies and gifted presence offered to us this morning. Bless to our hearing the joy and inspiration of the voices of the choirs. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Morning Reflection

The Singers of West DeSoto County

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God of all blessings, we come to you with thankful hearts for this time of being together as your people. We give thanks for the gifts you have shared with us in the voices of these wonderful young people. Bless them and safeguard them in their travels. And bless this congregation as we continue to bear witness to your love, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction – *sung by the Congregation* Hymnal No. 541
“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

The morning offering will be received by the deacons as you leave the sanctuary. If you would also like to give a gift to the Singers of West DeSoto County, please use a pew envelope and simply mark it “choir.”

Join us after the service for a wonderful potluck meal and an opportunity to meet and greet the members of the choir. Please enter the Fellowship Hall and find a seat. Greg Bitler will be offering a blessing and a remembrance of Fred Brown, Organist Emeritus, on this anniversary of Dr. Brown’s memorial service.

Participants in today’s service: Isabelle Baylor (acolyte), Rev. Sally Dries (worship leader), Shelley Nemeth & Cindy Stamey (Deacons), Joy Christian (Organist), Next week’s reflection by Rev. Robert Andrews: *“Jerusalem”*

LENTEN REFLECTIONS



The Singers of West DeSoto County, a mixed choir, is comprised of singers in grades 9-12 from the choral departments of Horn Lake High School and Southaven High Schools. The DeSoto County School District is one of the fastest and fastest growing districts in the state of Mississippi.

Horn Lake has approximately 1,200 students and Southaven is much larger with close to 2000 students in grades 9-12. The majority of both populations is African American, followed by Hispanic/Asian, and the remainder is Caucasian. Being transient areas, there are struggles with community and parental involvement. However, you will see and hear that the singers have a strong bond and elevated skills in musicianship, leadership, academics, and character. Most importantly, these young people are silly, friendly, well mannered, & encouraging to others.

The 46 students have been on tour since March 1, traveling to Kentucky, New York, and Pennsylvania. They spent months independently learning the tour repertoire, and meeting after school to prepare and polish provide a stellar experience for their audiences.

Grove hosted the Horn Lake Choir in 2017, and is thrilled and blessed to host the combined choirs today.

Welcome, Singers!

In song, we make space for God's Word to be shared

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