

Service of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019 10:15 AM

*Please rise as able

-- Ready for the Word --

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude by Sewell

“Chapel Windows”

The Light of God Enters

Call to Worship (from Psalm 51:10-12)

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God,

People: And renew a right spirit within us.

Leader: Cast us not away from your presence,

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Leader: Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us in a willing spirit. With renewed spirit and joy, let us worship our Lord this day.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 403

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Prayer of Confession

Loving and wise Lord, we have been tempted to go our own way without reference to eternal truths. We seek our own gratification rather than the well-being of all your children. We compare ourselves to others and find their failures but seldom discover our own shortcomings. We seek to build our lives by our own limited designs rather than by your larger purposes. O God, forgive us, and grant us a firm foundation.

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If we confess our sins, God forgives us and grants us strength to overcome temptation and offers us a second chance to produce the fruits of repentance.

People: We receive these gifts from God who is faithful, in covenant with us and all people.

Leader: God’s mercy is abundant; God’s provision for us is extravagant.

*Response

“O God, You Search Me”

Insert

*Passing of the Peace

-- Receiving the Word --

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn

Hymnal No. 175

“Seek Ye First”

Prayer for Understanding

New Testament Lesson (page 43)

Mark 8: 27-38

Old Testament Lesson (page 584)

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Reflection

“Simply Wise”

Musical Offering

by Hopson

“Lord of All, Most Holy”

Lord of all, most holy; How shall we give thanks?

How, for a broken body? Lord of all, most holy,

How shall we give thanks? How for a crown of thorns?

What thanks have we for such a crown? O Lord, what thanks have we?

Yet if that body of Jesus be not broken;

Our broken lives will not know the joy of healing.

If He, the Lord, the most Holy be not mocked;

Our mocking words of the truth will not be barred.

And so we praise You. Alleluia. Alleluia.

And if the Lord of all life be not risen;

our mortal lives will not live in fullest measure.

If He not reign as the Lord of heaven and earth;

Our fainting souls will not find eternal joy.

Lord of all most holy, hear our thankful praise. Hear our supplication.

Lord of all most holy, thanks for Your life poured out;

thanks for Your broken body.

We, too, would serve the world, and praise Your name for evermore.

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

Arranged by Vandall

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”

*Doxology

Insert

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn Hymnal No. 753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction by Colligan

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

St. Patrick’s Breastplate

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me;

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,

Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me...

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

*Postlude arranged by Hopson

“Be of Good Courage”

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Participants in today’s service: Jim Nemeth (worship leader), Savannah Notz (acolyte), Senior Choir (musical offering and choral benediction), Rev. Jud Bennett (children’s sermon), Charles Dark (Lord’s Prayer), Shelley Nemeth and Cindy Stamey (Deacons), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Steve Cureton (reflection). Next week’s reflection by Craig Bond *“Fellowship for Our Discipleship”*.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS



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