

# Service of Worship

First Sunday of Lent

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 10:15 AM

\*Please rise as able

Welcome, Prayers, and Announcements

Prelude arranged by Mansfield  
"How Firm a Foundation"

The Light of God Enters

Introit by Quigley

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,*

*for you to reveal yourself to us.*

*There is a longing in our hearts*

*for love we only find in you, our God.*

*Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness.*

*We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus saw a man who was blind from birth:

**People: Whose sin caused this? Was it his actions or his parent's actions that caused his blindness?**

Leader: Neither, he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

**People: Jesus was called to do the work of his father, to cure the sick and to heal the blind.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Go, and be healed."

**People: May we be healed, and may our healing bless the world.**

\*Gathering Hymn Grove Sings Praises Pg. 3  
"As the Deer Pants"

Prayer of Confession

**O God, some of us know suffering better than others. Yet, we've all tasted loss. We've all known heartbreak. We've all lost something dear. When this happens, we often turn inward instead of turning to God. We forget your promises and embrace loneliness and despair. May we learn to look to you in our struggles as your grace draws nearer.**

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We are not now what we have been; nor are we yet what, by God's grace, we shall become. God hears our prayers, sets us free, and strengthens us for service. Receive God's forgiveness.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal No. 581

**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.**

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Sermon

\*Hymn Handout

"Now I Belong to Jesus"

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (OT Page 453) Job 1:1-12

New Testament Lesson (NT Page 102) John 9:1-7

Sermon "Muddy Hands"

Musical Response arranged by Koerts

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*) Hymnal Pg. 35

Holy Communion

\*Apostle's Creed Hymnal Pg. 35

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing of Our Tithes, Offerings, and Selves

Musical Offertory arranged by Sewell  
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

\*Doxology Hymnal No. 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Commitment Hymnal No. 721  
“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction – *sung with the Congregation* by Besig and Price

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

\*Postlude by Smith

“The Upward Way”

*Questions to take with you*

What piece of music will stay with you this week?

What spoke to you in the scripture passages for today?

What does it mean to you to have “muddy hands?”

Where do you need grace this week?

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Participants in today’s service: Dave Betz (worship leader), Charlotte Clapper and Adelay Cooney (junior deacons), Senior Choir (musical beginning and benediction), Rev. Jud Bennett (children’s sermon), Pam Franklin and Kim Stamm (deacons), Stephanie Cooney (violinist), Scott Lawvere (pianist), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper (pastor)



*In-house Photography*

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