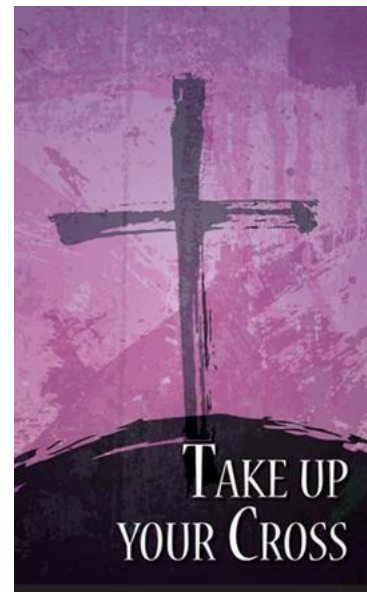


Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019



† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Prelude

"Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

Choral Introit

"Dominus Illuminatio Mea"
The Lord is my light.

† Gathering as the Children of God

Rev. Haynes

One: This house of worship is a place of healing for those who enter broken by life and in need of repair.

All: *This house of worship is a place of faith for those who come full of overpowering doubt.*

One: This house of worship is a place of prayer, offering stillness and words of faith when our own beliefs lack a voice.

All: *We enter this sanctuary with thanksgiving and open hearts to the possibility of a life restored and made new.*

One: God's love makes all things new!

All: *Thanks be to God! Let us lift our voices in praise!*

† Hymn No. 87

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

† Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Steve Whisenant

Offered a feast at grace's table, God of the covenant,

we choose to gorge ourselves on the empty calories of greed.

Invited to live in your house, we move into death's fear-infested boarding house.

Though you promise to be with us, we toss you aside,

chasing after those who will abandon us at the first chance.

But you will not let the foxes of foolishness devour us, Mothering God,

but will gather us under the shelter of your love.

You do so in order to give us that peace which heals us, that wonder which surprises us,

and that faith which enables us to let go of the present

to walk into the covenant of grace made possible through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

† Assurance of Pardon

Steve Whisenant

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

† Response (#347)

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

v. 1 *"Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord to pray.*

But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

v. 4 *Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease.*

Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

† Passing of the Peace

Steve Whisenant

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 27 - *The Message*

One: Light, space, zest- that's God!

All: **So, with God on my side I'm fearless, afraid of no one and nothing.**

Women: *When vandal hordes ride down ready to eat me alive, those bullies and toughs fall flat on their faces.*

Men: When besieged, I'm calm as a baby. When all hell breaks loose, I'm collected and cool.

All: **I'm asking God for one thing, only one thing:**

To live with him in his house my whole life long. I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet.

One: That's the only quiet, secure place in a noisy world, the perfect getaway, far from the buzz of traffic.

Men: God holds me head and shoulders above all who try to pull me down.

I'm headed for his place to offer anthems that will raise the roof!

Already I'm singing God-songs; I'm making music to God.

Women: *Listen, God, I'm calling at the top of my lungs: "Be good to me! Answer me!"*

All: **When my heart whispered, "Seek God," my whole being replied, "I'm seeking him!" Don't hide from me now!**

You've always been right there for me; don't turn your back on me now.

Don't throw me out, don't abandon me; you've always kept the door open.

My father and mother walked out and left me, but God took me in.

Men: Point me down your highway, God; direct me along a well-lighted street;

show my enemies whose side you're on.

Women: *Don't throw me to the dogs, those liars who are out to get me, filling the air with their threats.*

All: **I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness in the exuberant earth. Stay with God! Take heart. Don't quit.**

I'll say it again: Stay with GOD.

Anthem/Special Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision oh Lord of my heart, nought be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,

Thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart whatever befall. Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Desolate House"

Rev. Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Rev. Haynes

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.

† Hymn No. 527

"Near to the Heart of God"

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"Prelude on Abridge"

Elizabeth Small
arr. by Robert Gower

† Doxology (hymn #592)

"Old Hundredth"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Haynes

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 260

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Congregational Response (#535)

"Go With Us, Lord"

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*Go with us Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.*

† Postlude

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

F. J. Haydn (1732-1809) arr. by Rebecc Bonam

† Those who are able, please stand



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Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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