

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, we trust in your power to create, to sustain, to enable. But we could not trust if we did not know that you are always near. Be with us, Lord, as we are gathered here to worship you. Help us not to check our minds or our hearts at the door, but enable us to bring all that we are to you, so that we might experience your touch upon all aspects of our life. We pray this because of, and in the name of, Jesus Christ. Amen.
—Pete Haynes

PRELUDE

“My Song Is Love Unknown” Ireland
Nicole Campbell, Flute

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” Medema
Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on *Psalms* 107)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in east and west, north, and south.

Some wandered in the desert wastes, hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

Some sat in darkness and gloom... some were sick and endured affliction...

They cried to the Lord, and God sent out his word and healed them and delivered them from destruction.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN (GTG) 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” (Open My Eyes)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are afraid. We are afraid of what we do not know and cannot control. We are afraid of change, pain, and vulnerability. You have given us every reason to trust you, yet we confess that we still struggle doing so. You have given us every reason to hope in Christ, and yet we embrace worry and despair more readily. Forgive us. Help us to cling to you in the midst of change, to trust in you in the midst of crisis, and to follow and serve you in faith at all times, for the peace of our souls, the good of our neighbors, and the glory of your name now and forever. *(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Those able, please stand.*

LENTEN GLORIA PATRI (“Glory and gratitude”* by John L. Bell)

Glory and gratitude and praise now let earth to heaven raise.

Glory and gratitude and praise: these we offer to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

(After TWYC, children ages seven and under may go to the nursery, and children in 1st through 4th grades may join teachers.)

ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision” Helgen
Nicole Campbell, Flute; Carolyn Kuffel, Cello; and Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:1-12; NT Page 102

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:13-41; NT Page 102

These words are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path as we strive to know and serve our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Jesus the Healer and Vision-Restorer” Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

*HYMN (GTG) 654

“In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful” (Berthier)
(Sung first by the Sanctuary Choir then twice by the Congregation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Declaration of Faith* 1977; Ch. 9, ¶5)

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(A portion of Prince of Peace's mission spending supports Start The Adventure In Reading (STAIR), in which volunteer tutors help children improve their reading skills.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

“Litany” Callahan
Betsy Lord, Organ

*DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Jonathan, Jasmine, Julian, and Rowan Weadon

Prayer institution of the week: Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN (GTG) 816 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" (Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott)

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace of Earth" Miller/Jackson
Congregation and Sanctuary Choir
(Lyrics on screens)

If you are in need of prayer, you may write the request on the Prayer Request Sheet on the lectern in the narthex. You may also call Deacon Vickie Mohr (240-475-0767) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Joyce Beall's mother. Assisting in worship leadership this morning are Emerson Moore, Acolyte, and Chris Danielewski, Liturgist. Today's ushering team consists of Valerie Mentzer, Jim O'Neil, and David Owen.

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad down the row and back. At any time during worship, infants and children up to age seven are welcome in the nursery.

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sharing Christ's love with all.*



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