

March 29, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Hour

Schuyler McGinnis

Prelude

Meditation on "Wondrous Love"
Dr. Charles Tompkins

Louie White

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Larry Moore, Director of Music Ministries

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God; the day is here to affirm a new covenant.

People: **We call on God's steadfast love and mercy. We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.**

Leader: God's law will be written on our hearts. Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

People: **We are eager to know the God who loves us. We are ready to learn God's intention for us.**

Leader: God offers us the joy of salvation. Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

People: **We are open to the new and right spirit God offers. We seek guidance for our daily living.**

*Hymn No. 157

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

Call to Confession (*You are invited to the altar for personal prayer time.*)

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from the sin that clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in your sight. May your judgment help us to face the truth about ourselves. Then wash away the stain of our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Beautiful Savior
Furman Chamber Choir

F. Melius Christiansen

†Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Anthem

Brother James Air
Furman Chamber Choir

arr. Gordon Jacobs

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Furman Chamber Choir

Gilbert Martin

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Mack Wilberg

***Doxology No. 95**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

Lisa Smith

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

Anthem

Jesus Loves Me
Furman Chamber Choir

arr. John Ferguson

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision
Furman Chamber Choir

arr. John Ferguson

Sermon

"God Wants Your Heart"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn (see insert)**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. John Rutter

***Benediction**

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Benediction Response**

I Will Arise
Furman Chamber Choir

arr. Shaw/Parker

***Postlude**

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541
Paul Thomas

J. S. Bach

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided