

March 7, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Third 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 Trinity

Prelude

Holy Manna
Chancel Bells

arr. Douglas Mears

*Call to Worship

Susan Pinckney, Stephen Ministry Coordinator

Leader: All who thirst come to the water. Come, all who are weary.

People: Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Leader: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,

People: and our Gracious and Holy God beckons and blesses us.

Leader: Drink deeply of these living waters.

People: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

*Hymn 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Wellesley

Call to Confession

Larry Moore

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

We have been tempted, loving God, 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. We engage in immorality in the name of freedom and become enslaved by our selfish ambitions. The ground on which we stand is crumbling under our feet. O God, forgive us and grant us a firmer foundation.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God grants us strength to overcome temptation and offers us a second chance to produce the fruits of repentance. Receive these gifts from God who is faithful, in covenant with us and all people. Open yourselves to the continued guidance of the Holy One, for God's steadfast love is better than life. God's mercy is abundant; God's provision for us is extravagant. God's ways are higher than our own. Praise God with joyful lips. Amen.

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

David McKay

Angel Choir Rhonda McGinnis, flute, Joyce Nickles, piano

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1 - 13

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Arr. Evelyn Larter

Chancel Choir with Nancy Ditto, violin

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

God So Loved the World
Chancel Choir, Nancy Ditto, violin, Joyce Nickles, organ

Stainer

***Doxology No. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* Old 100th
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**

Children's Message

Jim Dennis

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.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn No 127**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri No. 70**

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.

†*Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:1-9

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“How Things Ought to Be”

Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 581**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Beach Spring

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided