

March 20, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Second 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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Chiming of the Trinity

Madeline Johnson

Prelude

A Lenten Prelude from Lenten Suite, op. 73

Charles Callahan

***Call to Worship**

Peggy Ackerman

Leader: One thing I ask of the Lord that I will seek after:

**People: I will dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord
and inquire in the Lord's temple.**

Leader: Wait for the Lord, be strong and let your heart take courage,

People: Wait for the Lord! *(Based on Psalms 22 and 27)*

***Hymn No. 116**

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

***Call to Confession**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Because we are citizens of God's righteous reign, Jesus calls on us to repent, that is, to turn toward God, take up our cross, and leave behind all that keeps us from following Jesus. Let us acknowledge before God and this congregation our need for repentance.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of glory, you sent your Son, Jesus, to die that we might have life: Show us the ways we fail to answer your call. Keep us from being bound to possessions, from longing for outward approval, from listening to voices that distract us from your Word, from hesitating to lose our old lives and take up your new life. Our help comes from you, O Lord; keep us from all evil. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***Words of Assurance**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Jesus, our Lord, was handed over to death for our trespasses. The God who raised this same Jesus from the dead welcomes those who truly repent in Jesus' name and will transform us to conform to his glory. Thanks be to God.

***A Modern Affirmation**

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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.

Anthem *The Lord's Prayer* David McKay
Angel Choir, Rhonda McGinnis, flute

Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-4a Page 12 (OT) in
pew Bibles

New Testament Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Page 187 (NT) in pew Bibles
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Wayfarin' Stranger* Michael Larkin
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Offering

Offertory *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Charles Callahan

***Doxology # 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Stewardship Testimony Lincoln and Rhonda McGinnis

Children's Message Myra Shaffer
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.

***Hymn No. 707** *Hymn of Promise* Promise

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17 Page 114 (NT) in pew Bibles
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "It's a Journey" The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Prayer Warrior Message Pam Faulkner

***Hymn No. 369** *Blessed Assurance* Assurance

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *May God Bestow on Us His Grace*
May God bestow on us his grace, with blessings rich provide us; and may the brightness of his face to life eternal guide us, that we his gracious work may know, and what is his good pleasure, and to the unbelieving show Christ's riches without measure.

***Postlude**

**Please stand if you are able* *Nursery Provided*

Music Notes

Wayfarin' Stranger is an old folk song/spiritual with British roots that tells of a soul's journey through the hard times of life. The final reward is home in heaven where we are reunited with friends, family, and our Savior. Arranger Michael Larkin is chair of the voice department at Wilmington Music School in Wilmington, Delaware and Director of Music Ministry at St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church in North East, Maryland.

Wayfarin' Stranger

Michael Larkin

*I'm just a poor wayfarin' stranger
A-travelin' through this world of woe.
But there's no sickness, toil, or danger
In that bright land to which I go.
I'm goin' there to see my father,
I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.*

*I know dark clouds will gather round me,
I know the way is rough and steep,
Yet beautiful fields lie just before me,
Where God's redeemed their vigil keep.
I'm goin' there to see my mother,
She said she'd meet me when I come.
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.*

*I'm goin' there to see my Savior,
To sing his praise for ever more.
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.*

*I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.*