

March 27, 2011 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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Chiming of the Trinity

Marisa Rogers

Prelude

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Johann Walther

***Call to Worship**

Hazel Bennett

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

Leader: Your steadfast love is better than life, and our lips will praise you. In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy.

People: We will bless you as long as we live; we will lift up our hands and call on your name.

(Based on Psalm 63 and 95)

***Hymn No. 127**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

***Call to Confession**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Just as our ancestors in the faith quarreled and complained and tested God, we are tempted to do the same. We have hardened our hearts and turned away from the Source of Life. Yet God comes to us with reconciling grace. Because we have access to God's grace, let us seek the peace of God through prayer and repentance.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

What will you do with us, God? We are never satisfied with our lot. We rebel and complain when things don't go our way. Our hearts chase after things that become gods to us and consume our time, energy, and attention. We spend little time in communion with you and then begin to doubt your presence. You seem far away and unavailable. We create barriers among ourselves that separate us from one another and from you. Send your living water to cleanse us, O God. Teach us to worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***Words of Assurance**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

While we were sinners Christ died for us. We have been justified by his blood, and we are saved by his life. This is proof of God's love for us. Thanks be to God for God will abundantly pardon.

***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.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Page 79 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

My Wordless Prayer
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

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

O Sacred Head

S. Kimberger

***Doxology # 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Stewardship Testimony

Rudy Powell

Children's Message

Alice Dorn

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. 138**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columbus

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Telling Your Story"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

***Hymn No. 340**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Restoration

***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

There are times when feelings of utter hopelessness overwhelm us; when we feel that our prayers are not being heard, or are going unanswered. At all times, but especially when our spirit is the weakest, the Holy Spirit will intervene as our advocate and our comforter.

My Wordless Prayer

Craig Courtney

My words lie still and lifeless as dust upon the sand,
I can no longer voice one request or one demand,
My cup of tears is empty; I can no longer cry,
My lips have fallen silent; my prayer is but a sigh.

Spirit come and rest Your ear upon my heart,
O come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea
and take them far away from me.
Take them from this heart of mine
to the Father's heart divine.
Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear
and understand.

My voice is weak from calling to you both night and day.
How long will you be silent?
Why do you turn away?

Spirit come and rest Your ear upon my heart,
O come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea
and take them far away from me.
Take them from this heart of mine
to the Father's heart divine.
Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear
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The second hymn in today's service, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, is the hymn of the month for the Angel Choir.