

March 11, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Third Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

*Lenten Journey*  
Chancel Bells

arr. Margaret Tucker

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kendrick West

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: God calls us to faith in the Christ nailed to the cross, with His  
wisdom wiser than ours and His power stronger than ours.

**People: We hear God's call to the teaching and example of Jesus.**

\*HYMN NO. 577

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Cwm Rhondda

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus was quick to denounce those who made the temple a marketplace, but he is slow to anger when we turn to him for help and forgiveness. Because we have access to God's grace, let us seek the peace of God through prayer and repentance. Please join in the Song of Approach, followed by the Unison Prayer of Confession and a time of Silent Prayer.

\*SONG OF APPROACH

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.***

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of grace, you call on us to repent, to endure, and to hope.

**Strengthen us that we may work always for the common good.**

**We confess that though we look for sin in others,**

**we are reluctant to examine ourselves;**

**we are caught up in worldly wisdom and forget your words;**

**we complain about troubles and fail to see your good gifts.**

**Have patience with us and nurture us that we may grow in love,**

**for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*SILENT PRAYER

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

While we were still 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.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 20:1-17

Ben Slimmer  
Page 82 (OT) in pew Bibles**EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Joshua Davis  
Page 202 (NT) in pew Bibles**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

John 2:13-22

Ian Jackson  
Page 113 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

*Jesus Paid It All*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Joan J. Pinkston

**\*DOXOLOGY***God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Nettleton

***God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store;***

***Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.***

***Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;***

***thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.***

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Matthew DuPont

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Mary Alexander

*As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.*

**\*HYMN NO. 395***Take Time to Be Holy*

Holiness

**SERMON**

"Spring Cleaning"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

## COMMISSIONING OF HAZEL BENNETT TO SERVICE IN KOREA

Pastor: All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As this member of our community begins her work among the people of Korea, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon her endeavors.

**People: We recognize you as an ambassador of this congregation in ministry with the people of Korea and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers, we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.**

Pastor: Let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian service.

**We believe in God, Creator of the world,**

**and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts.**

**We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons  
and to the improvement of the quality of life.**

**We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world**

**and to the rule of justice and law among all nations.**

**We believe in the present and final triumph**

**of God's Word in human affairs,**

**and gladly accept our commission to manifest the  
life of the gospel in the world.**

**\*HYMN NO. 396**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Angel's Story

### **\*BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the God who made heaven and earth,  
whom death could not contain,  
who lives to disturb and heal us,  
bless you with the power to go forth and proclaim the gospel.  
The grace of God be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*Nursery Provided*

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### **Chancel Flowers**

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by  
**Bennie and Wygenia Moore** in honor and celebration of their  
60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 8, 2012.

### Scouting Ministries Sunday

Main Street Church is acknowledging Scouting Ministries today. Main Street welcomes the Boy Scouts of Troop 911 and thanks them for participating in our worship service today. This troop meets on Monday evenings in our basement.

### Music Notes

The tune to today's anthem was written by John T. Grape in 1865. Grape was a member Monument Street Methodist Church in Baltimore, where he directed the choir. Here are Grape's own words about this hymn: "Our church was undergoing repairs, and the cabinet organ was placed in my care. Thus afforded a pleasure not before enjoyed, I delighted myself in playing over some of our Sunday school hymns. I determined to give tangible shape to a theme that had been running in my mind for some time.... I made it a matter of prayer and study and gave to the public the music now known as 'All to Christ I Owe.' It was pronounced very poor by my choir and friends, but my dear wife persistently declared that it was a good piece of music and would live. Time has proved the correctness of her judgment. Soon after, the Rev. George W. Schreck called on me to select anything new that I had to offer. On hearing this piece, he expressed his pleasure with it and stated that Mrs. Elvina M. Hall had written some words that would just suit the music. I gave him a copy of it and it was soon sung in several churches here in Baltimore [Maryland] and well received. At the suggestion of friends I sent a copy to Professor Theodore Perkins and it was published in *Sabbath Carols*. Under the providence of God it has been going ever since. I trust that it has not failed to accomplish some good to my fellow-men for the glory of God."

### **Jesus Paid It All**

arr. Joan Pinkston

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim,  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.