

March 25, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Fifth 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

Noel Johnson

PRELUDE

Marche Religieuse

Alexander Guilmant

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come to see Jesus, even though His glory is a cross.

People: We will follow Him and carry a cross of our own.

***HYMN NO. 157**

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has called us to restored joy and wholeness if we acknowledge our sins and seek forgiveness. Therefore, remembering that there is forgiveness with God whom we revere, let us ask God to take us by the hand and lead us to the throne of grace. 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)

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love,
for we know our sins, and we cannot overlook them.**

**We have failed to put our complete confidence in you;
we rely on prestige and past success for reputation;
we look to the wealth and power of nations for support;
we cling to things, and yet knowing you surpasses all else.**

Wash us; heal us; teach us to honor you with truth.

**Let us know the joy and gladness of your saving grace
that we may have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has promised to forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more. Let us set our minds on the Spirit and give praise to the One who raised Jesus from the dead.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Page 899 (OT) in pew Bibles

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 12:20-33

Page 130 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.**ACT OF PRAISE***The Promise of the Resurrection*

Leader: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth. Can you sense it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

People: Jesus says if we believe, we will see the glory of God.

Leader: "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act."

People: Jesus says if we believe, we will see the glory of God.

Leader: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

People: Jesus says if we believe, we will see the glory of God.

Leader: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

People: Jesus says if we believe, we will see the glory of God.

Leader: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."

People: Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Son of God, the one coming into the world, the resurrection and the life.

-Based on Isaiah 43:18; Ezekiel 37:14; John 12:24,32; John 11:25, 40

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs
Chancel Choir

Victor Johnson

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God by Bayard and Patricia Lindell in celebration and honor of their 54th wedding anniversary on March 29.

The rosebuds in the chancel area are given in honor of the births of **Quinn Marshal Marino** and **Clara Jane Kelly**. Quinn was born on March 15, 2012 to Don and Rebecca Marino. Proud big brother is Coleson Marino. Proud grandfather is Eddie Bartless and very proud aunt is Freddia Bartless. Clara Jane was born to Patrick and Lauren Kelly on March 22, 2012. Proud grandparents are Jim and Kathy Kelly and proud uncle is Wesley Kelly.

Music Notes

The prophet Isaiah foretold in distinct detail the sufferings of Christ as he gave *His* life for the sins of humankind. Notice the striking and moving contrasts between *our* experiences and *His* experiences.

Surely, He Hath Borne Our Griefs

Victor Johnson

*Surely, surely, surely, surely,
He hath borne our griefs.*

*Surely, surely, surely, surely,
He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.*

He was wounded for our transgressions.

He was bruised for our iniquities.

The chastisement of our peace was upon Him,

And with His stripes

And with His stripes we are healed!

*Surely, surely, surely, surely,
He hath borne our griefs.*

*Surely, surely, surely, surely,
He hath borne our griefs,
He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.*

Surely.