

March 4, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Second 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

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Julia Baker

PRELUDE

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Mozart/arr. Van Thompson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Richard Pinckney

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let all who see God be joyful in heart and exult in the hallowed name.

People: We will live in the divine presence always as a source of our strength.

*HYMN NO. 116

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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 each other our need for repentance. Please join in the Song of Approach followed by the Unison Prayer of Confession.

*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 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**

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. Amen.

ANTHEM

You and I
Angel Choir and God's Glory Singers

Natalie Sleeth

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Page 15 (OT) in pew Bibles

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 8:31-38 Page 53 (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**

Love the Lord
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Schweizer

***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*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin
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. 297**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

SERMON

"Extreme Discipleship"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
 God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
 and to your deeds we testify.

You call the worlds into being,
 create persons in your own image
 and set before each one the way of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
 You judge people and nations by your righteous will
 declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
 you have come to us
 and shared our common lot,
 conquering sin and death
 and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow on us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
 binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
 tongues, and races.

***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.

HYMN NO. 415Take Up Thy Cross*

Germany

***BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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The Passing of the Peace

The passing of the peace is one of our responses to God's Word and to God's forgiveness. A handshake or a hug extended to others in the congregation expresses the reconciliation Christ has made not only with God, but also on the horizontal level between people. This is a joyful time; a time to greet each other with a Christian greeting and to express a feeling of love through a physical gesture. Phrases such as "the peace of Christ be with you" and the response "and also with you" are exchanged. The meaning of the words and the sequence signify that this is not a simple greeting among friends, but it is a gift of God's own peace passed from one to another.

Music Notes

The familiar text by Isaac Watts is presented in today's anthem set to a tune by J.P. Rees, first published in *The Sacred Harp* in 1857. The lyrics contemplate the sacrifice of Christ and sing His praises.

Love the Lord

arr. Mark Schweizer

Alas and did my Savior bleed
 And did my Sovereign die?
 Would He devote that sacred head
 for sinners such as I.

O who is like Jesus?
 Christ our Savior,
 Praise ye the Lord!
 There's none like Jesus,
 Christ our Savior,
 Love and serve the Lord!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
 and shut His glories in,
 When Christ, the mighty Maker died,
 for mortal creature's sin.

O who is like Jesus?
 Christ our Savior,
 Praise ye the Lord!
 There's none like Jesus,
 Christ our Savior,
 Love and serve the Lord!
