

March 14, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

4th 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.

Chiming of the Trinity

Madeline Johnson

Prelude

Morning Bells II

based on *Wachet Auf*

Wesley Ringers

arr. by Erin MacGorman

***Call to Worship**

Jack Childress, Evangelism Chairperson

Leader: A new day has dawned, God's gift to us; the fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

People: We are a new creation in Jesus Christ; the old has passed away, the new has come.

Leader: This is a day for forgiveness and reconciliation; celebrate God's love for the lost who are found.

People: The glad cries of deliverance surround us; shouts of joy arise from our hearts.

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer up prayers. May all who are in Christ give thanks.

People: We will be glad and join the dance of life; with the upright of heart, we rejoice and sing.

***Hymn No. 126**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

O God, we will try not to hide from you the wrong we have done or the good we have neglected. You know our transgressions. You have observed our pretensions. We have claimed too lightly the label "Christians," for often we cut ourselves off from you and from people we disdain. At times our rebellion leaves us hungry, alone, and friendless. O God, we are not worthy to be called your children. Grant us, we pray, your forgiveness and pardon and a renewed sense of who you intend us to be and to become.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

We are assured that God forgives the guilt of our sin. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Rejoice, for God has brought us back to life! Amen.

Tuition Help for Parents

Dave Chastain

Old Testament

Joshua 5:9-12

Page 244 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalter

Psalms 32

Page 766

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Page 221 (NT) in pew Bibles

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Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation on "The Divine Sacrifice"

Charles Callahan

***Doxology No. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Children's Message

Jessica Morris

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.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn No. 378**

Amazing Grace

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***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

†*Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Page 95 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Call Me Home

David Lantz III

Chancel Choir with Martha Moore, alto

Sermon

"The Waiting Father"

Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

***Hymn No. 348**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Thompson

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

****Please stand if you are able***

Nursery Provided