

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2017

The service of worship begins with the prelude. Please be mindful of those who are praying.

“For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’” Romans 4:3

PRELUDE Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise Franz Josef Haydn

INTROIT Holy Spirit, Come to Us *Tune: TUI AMORIS IGNEM*

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN** No. 49 *Tune: LEONI*
The God of Abraham Praise

CONFESSION OF SIN

Recall to us our sins, O God, that we may remember our need of your forgiveness. Here where your light falls in judgment on our lives, revealing the darkness in them, save us from unworthy excuses and evasions. Recall our bad tempers, our resentments and infidelities, our selfish pride, our hardened hearts, our neglect of opportunity, our contentment with trivial living. So humble us by these reminders of our fractured lives, that we may be open to your healing power and receptive to your transforming grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LENTEN PETITION No. 215 stanza 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

DECLARATION OF PARDON

***LENTEN HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 215 stanza 3

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

*WORDS OF PEACE

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Peace be with you.
(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Christus Paradox
Chancel Choir
(To follow the text, see hymn 274)

Alfred Fedak

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Forbid it, Lord, that we should boast, save in the death of Christ our God; all the vain things that charm us most, we sacrifice them to his blood. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 3:1-17

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SERMON

“It’s Grace and More Grace”
“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:17

Dr. Williams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession, 1647

Those whom God effectually calleth, he also freely justifieth: not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ’s sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on him and his righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God. Amen.

*HYMN

No. 829
My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Tune: OLIVET

COMMISSIONING FOR JOURNEY TO DIKOME BALUE, CAMEROON

Purpose of Trip

Dedication of Gifts

Prayer and Charge

Response

No. 137

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forever more.

THE PRAYERS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Shall We Gather at the River Aaron Copeland

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** No. 2 stanza 4

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may
We in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts/debtors)

***HYMN** No. 826 *Tune:* CRUCIFER
Lift High the Cross

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** *Tune:* AZMON
My Gracious Master and My God

POSTLUDE Lift High the Cross William Bates

*Congregation please stand.