

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2017

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

*“For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.”*

*Ephesians 5:8*

**PRELUDE** My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me? Franz Josef Haydn

**INTROIT** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art *Tune:* TOULON

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

**\*HYMN** No. 307 *Tune:* CWM RHONDDA  
God of Grace and God of Glory

## CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, who is mystery and mercy to all our darkness and who pardons all who truly repent: hear our confession for we have sinned against heaven and in your sight. We have let justice stagnate in the far reaches of our hearts when you created it to roll down like waters. We have held fast to love for our own sake and know not the passion of your cross. We have searched for hope in every wrong place and so hidden from your promised kingdom that is even now upon us. Take no more of this from us. O God, but forgive us and find us bowed down in this season, waiting upon your mercy; 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

Write Your Blessed Name  
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved.

That no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,

And a faithful guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations

And dangers of this life. O Jesus, my only Savior:

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved.

That no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pierce the darkness of our souls, O God, by the light of your word; that we may see you above all else, and live for you before all else; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Pages 259-260

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 9:1-11

Page 102

### SERMON

“Once Blind, Now Sent”

Dr. Williams

*“The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me,  
‘Go to Siloam and wash,’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” John 9:11*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith, 1977

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ’s name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace. Amen.

### \*HYMN

No. 450  
Be Thou My Vision

Tune: SLANE

## THE PRAYERS

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Michael Burkhardt

**\*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. 649  
Amazing Grace

*Tune:* AMAZING GRACE

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Tune:* TOULON

Our Hope Is In No Other, Save in Thee

**POSTLUDE**

Amazing Grace

William McNair

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\*Congregation please stand.