

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2010

Worship 8:00 and 10:45

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

* Call to Awareness

One: We come to worship God in this season of Lent.

All: Lent calls us to a heightened attentiveness to the presence of God.

One: The pitcher is a sign reminding us that our lives are like vessels into which God pours unconditional love.

One: That which flows from the pitcher represents the expressions of our faith story shared with others.

All: Lent calls us to a heightened attentiveness to the presence of God.

One: The God in whom we rejoice is here. The God of goodness, mercy, and truth is with us.

* Opening Hymn *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

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CENTERING ON GOD'S PRESENCE

* Call to Confess

By being honest about who we are and how we approach life, we better position ourselves to receive God's love and grace. Let us be honest. Let us confess.

* Prayer of Confession

Caring and compassionate God, we enter this time and place set apart for worship, knowing that we have sometimes failed to see you in other times and places. We have missed your beauty, which is all around us, in the earth and sky, in the creatures and vegetation of this planet, in the people who populate our community and your world. Forgive our blindness which has caused our failure to recognize your majesty, glowing in and through everything you have created. In these moments together, draw us so close to your divine presence, that we cannot help but know each and every day, that you are with us, wherever we go. Amen.

* Words of Assurance

We have this assurance that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything

else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

The Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 60:1-5a

Acts 9:1-19

Handbell Choir Anthem

A Time for Young Christians

(Prayer requests and guest forms will be collected by ushers at the side aisles.)

The Morning Message

"The Paul Problem"

* Hymn

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

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Sharing Our Thoughts with God in Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

A Symbol of Our Discipleship

One: As we give an offering, a tithe, an alm, we give expression of our faith, that God is with us. We offer a symbol of our willingness to be God's blessing to the world.

All: **God, receive this symbol of our discipleship. May we have the wisdom to use it to bring blessings to Your world. Amen.**

Offertory

*Offertory Response

Doxology #782

*To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.*

* Offering Prayer

CONTINUING THE LENTEN JOURNEY

* Closing Hymn *"Before Your Cross, O Jesus"* #191

* Benediction

One: Friends, let us continue this Journey of Lent. Let us be more attentive to the presence of God in our lives and in the world. Let us be faithful in our daily prayer. Let us grow in our love for one another.

May the blessing of Holy God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer be upon each of us, today and always. Amen.

* Musical Postlude