

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 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 rock is a sign reminding us that when we encounter the struggles of life, Jesus invites us to lay our burdens upon him.

One: The prayer wall is a symbol meant to remind us that God always stands ready to meet us on life's journey.

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One: The God who is strong and sure stands ever ready to clam and guide us.

* Opening Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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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 I Kings 19:11-13 St. Luke 5:1-10

Chancel Choir Anthem *"Lord, Can You Hear Us Praying?"* Price, Besig

A Time for Young Christians

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

The Morning Message ***"The Prayer Plunge"***

* Hymn *"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"* #290

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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* 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