

Bulletin for ZOOM Worship

3rd Sunday of Lent

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Call to Worship

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The Word of God is our one dependable source of wisdom and peace. The commandments of God nourish our minds and our spirits. Come and bow your hearts before the Lord our God. Set your hearts on what God will share with you.

We are here to be renewed and inspired by God's presence. We rejoice in this time of experiencing God's love for us all. Let us worship God together.

Hymn: Glory to God Hymnal #213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (vs, 1, 2 & 4)

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

TEXT: John Bowring, 1825

MUSIC (RATHBUN 8.7.8.7): Ithamar Conkey, 1849

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

O Gracious and Compassionate God, we confess that we have failed to keep Your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than Your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted Your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than Your own.

Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to You, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

God shows steadfast love and blessings to the thousandth generation. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people.

God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life. Let us rejoice in God's mercy. Amen.

Glory to God Hymnal Kyrie

Lord, Have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Message: "God Promises to Correct Us"

Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the

third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's 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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn: Glory to God Hymnal #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour

I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.

[Refrain]

I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior--
I come to thee!

I need thee every hour;
stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh. *[Refrain]*

I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises
in me fulfill. *[Refrain]*

I need thee every hour,
Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed,
thou blessed Son. *[Refrain]*

TEXT: Annie S. Hawks, 1872; ref., Robert Lowry, 1872

MUSIC (NEED 6.4.6.4. with refrain): Robert Lowry, 1872

Benediction