

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 8, 2020
Second Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome David A. Douthett, Pastor

Prelude *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me* arr. by Mark Hayes
Donald K. Burgess, Pianist

Call to Worship Sue Douglas
Let us worship God! *Psalms 121:1-2, 7-8*

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; the Lord will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Opening Prayer

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, You opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve You in newness of life and faithfully walk in Your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

* Hymn #492 *Baptized in Water*

* Invitation to Confession *1 John 1:8-9*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin and the sin of our people before God and one another.

* Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of Your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us Your strength; where we have been confused, grant us Your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us Your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us Your life.

* Silent Confession...

* Response *O Lamb of God* public domain; arr. by Mark A. Fletcher
***O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.***

* Assurance of Pardon *John 3:17*
God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Children of God, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* The Peace
Since God has made peace with us through Christ, let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you. *Please greet each other in Jesus' name.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

God our helper, by Your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into Your truth and taught Your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 12:1-4 p. 10, OT, *pew Bible*

Choir Anthem *Wondrous Love* by Wes Cameron

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17 p. 93, NT, *pew Bible*

Sermon "Withstanding Confusion" Mr. Douthett

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

* Hymn #339 *Be Thou My Vision*

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (traditional)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gathering the Joys and Concerns
Morning Prayers and 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, forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory *Jesus, Lover Of My Soul*

arr. by Lani Smith

Mr. Burgess

Old Hundredth

* Response #592

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

* Prayer of Dedication

God of our forebears, as Your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey Your call and go out into the unknown, so may Your church be granted such faith that we may follow You with courage for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

* Hymn #485

To God Be the Glory

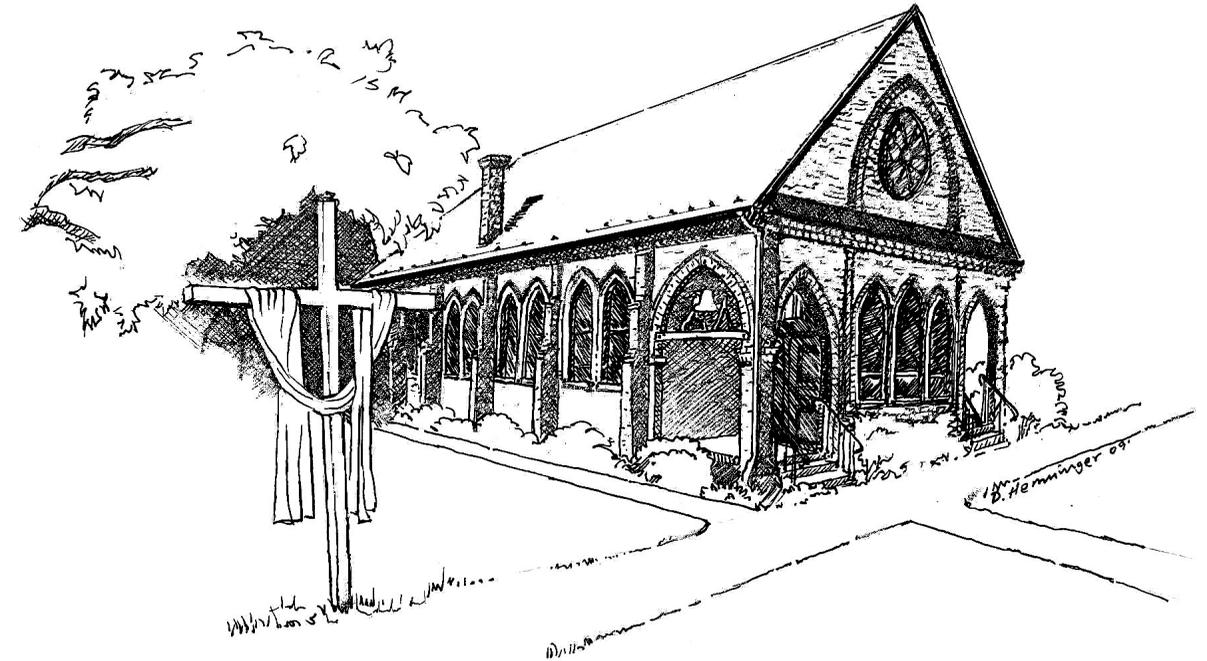
* For the Good of the Body...

* Charge and Blessing

Congregational Meeting to Dismiss 2019 Nominating Committee
and Elect 2020 Nominating Committee

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Welcome to our service today!

We are glad you are here and hope that you will experience God's presence and a sense of Christian community as we celebrate our life in God together.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak with our greeters.

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Elder Sue Douglas, Clerk of Session
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