

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, March 23, 2014

11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday in Lent

TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE / TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Gene Hamby

Leader: A voice of power and majesty calls out to us: I am your God; I have called you in righteousness

People: We are amazed that God knows us and calls us. By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.

Leader: God takes us by the hand and leads us. In covenant with God, we extend light to the world

People: Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed. Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.

Leader: Worship with joy and give glory to God's name. Listen for the new thing God declares.

People: We remember that we have been baptized. May we live as those with whom God is pleased.

*HYMN # 83

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified you. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keep others from seeing you. All inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision and our tendency to exclude. Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please now share the peace of Christ with one another.)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (Old Testament, page 899)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SECOND LESSON (New Testament, page 130)

John 12:20-33

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Glory"

Rev. Dr. Judy Mitchell Rich

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal # 592)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN # 84

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Those who are able may stand.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU WHO WORSHIPS WITH US TODAY AS OUR GUEST. We are grateful to have you with us and invite you to return. *We are striving to be a place where people from all walks of life may come and be a part of Christ's church and the work of His kingdom. In keeping Christ first, we claim this vision: **We look up. We join together. We bring in. We grow deep. We go out to further God's work in our broken world. We are praying that God will lead others, perhaps you, to join with us in that venture.***

Visitors, we are glad you came. Please sign the register at the end of the pew so that we will have a record of your visit.

Our Church Greeter today is Patti Andrews.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 25	6:00 p.m.	Second Harvest
Thursday, March 27	6:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday, March 30	Noon	Christian Ed

There will be a **Congregational Meeting today** immediately following Worship. The meeting is to vote on a recommendation from the Session to reduce the number of Ruling Elders from 3 to 2 each year, beginning in 2015.

Elder of the Month: Martha Dixon

ELDERS:

2014	Dutch Maxwell (Bldg./Grounds)	Pony Baker	John Smith
2015	Braxton Ashe (Worship)	Jane Dill (Fellowship/Service)	Don Ruggles (Administrative)
2016	Martha Dixon (Fellowship/Service)	Patti Andrews (Christian/Ed)	Don Armstrong