

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 28th, 2016
3rd Sunday in Lent
Order of Morning Worship
11:00 am

Prelude "Peace" by Joshua Kramer
The Bells of Bethel

Procession

Welcome and Prayer of the Day *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship *(Psalm 63:1-8)*

Leader: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

People: *Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.*

Leader: For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

People: *So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.*

Leader: My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

People: *when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.*

Leader: For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

People: *My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

Leader: May those who seek my life to destroy it go down into the depths of the earth;

People: *let them fall upon the edge of the sword, and let them be food for jackals.*

All: *But I will rejoice in God; all those who swear by God will be glad; for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.*

•Hymn 84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" RATHBUN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"
*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Assurance of Pardon (Respond with Amen!)

•The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you.*

• Gloria Patri

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Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-9 *(pages 647-648)*
I Corinthians 10:1-13 *(pages 158-159)*
Luke 13:1-9 *(page 70)*

Kathy Swisher

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Children's Sermon

Anthem "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" Adult Choir

Sermon "Buy Some Figs" Rev. J. David Shearer

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed *(Traditional) page 14*

•Hymn 85 "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Santo, Santo, Santo" arranged by Mary Kay Parrish
The Bells of Bethel

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 95 "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word" African-American spiritual

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response "Go with Us, Lord" #535
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

Postlude

• Those who are able, please stand