

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 6th, 2016 4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

• *Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Procession

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

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship *(Psalm 32)*

Leader: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

People: *Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!*

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

People: *I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.*

Leader: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

People: *You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.*

All: *Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.*

•Hymn 93 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

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 *(page 579)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture *Joshua 5:9-12* (page 193) Bonnie Shearer

The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

II Corinthians 5:16-21 (page 167)

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Scripture *Luke 15:1-2, 11-32* (pages 72-73)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Children's Sermon

Anthem "Did Jesus Weep For Me" Adult Choir

Sermon "Disgrace of the Past" Rev. J. David Shearer

Response to the Word

•Presentation & Affirmation of New Member

Wes McElveen/Apostles' Creed

•Hymn Insert "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

*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

•Hymn 92 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

•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

Thank you so much for worshipping with us today! We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. Do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor David or contact the Church Office with any questions you may have about our church!

