

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 19th, 2017

3rd Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the prelude starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

Prelude

Welcome *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Jill Webb

Prayer of the Day

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: *and also with you.*

Leader: Never does God forget us,

People: *though we often forget him.*

Leader: Never does he reject us,

People: *though many have rejected him.*

Leader: Never will he let his love die,

People: *though our love runs hot and cold.*

Leader: For there is nothing in this life or the next,

People: *neither demons or angels,*

Leader: no power, no matter how exalted,

People: *no event, no matter how tragic,*

Leader: no threat, no matter how fearful,

People: *that can separate us from his love.*

Leader: So let us worship him,

People: *adore him,*

Leader: and give thanks,

People: *for his eternal, unconditional, overwhelming love.*

Leader: Amen.

•Hymn 281

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not trust your promise to care for us, or follow as you seek to lead us through joys and sorrows, threats and opportunities.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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)*

Children's Sermon

•The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

•Gloria Patri (#579)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15

Jill Webb

(pages 61 & 62)

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’ Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.”’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.”’ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew

lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Anthem “When The Morning Comes”

Adult Choir

(Rev. Charles Albert Tindley)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 6:25-34 *(page 6)*

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon “Living With Uncertainty”

Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

Response to the Word

•**Apostles’ Creed** *(page 14 - Traditional)*

•**Hymn 276**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Jill Webb

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**Prayer of Dedication**

•Hymn 361

“How Firm a Foundation”

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response “Go with Us, Lord” #535

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and ev-ery com-ing day,
That in Your Spir-it strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.*

Postlude

=====music notes=====

Charles Albert Tindley was born in Baltimore, a son of Charles and Hester Tindley. His father was a slave, and his mother was free. Hester died when he was very young; he was taken in by his mother’s sister Caroline Miller Robbins in order to keep his freedom. It seems that he was expected to work to help the family “wherever father could place me.” He married when he was seventeen.

Tindley was largely self-taught throughout his lifetime. He learned to read mostly on his own. After he and his wife Daisy moved to Philadelphia with their 8 children in 1875, he took correspondence courses toward becoming a Methodist minister. He did this while working as a building caretaker for the East Bainbridge Street Methodist Church. Beginning in 1885, he was appointed by the local bishop to serve two or three-year terms at a series of churches, until coming full circle to become pastor at East Bainbridge in 1902. Under his leadership, the church grew rapidly. The Tindleys relocated in 1904 to the East Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, then again in 1924 to the new Tindley Temple, where the membership roll blossomed to about ten thousand.

Tindley was known for being a captivating preacher, and for also taking an active role in the betterment of the people in his community. His songs were an outgrowth of his preaching ministry, often introduced during his sermons. Tindley was able to draw people of multiple races to his church ministry; likewise, his songs have been adopted and proliferated by white and black churches alike.

The songs of Charles Tindley were published cumulatively in two editions of Soul Echoes (1905, 1909) and six editions of New Songs of Paradise (1916-1941).

Serving During The Worship Service Today

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We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.