

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 26th, 2017

4th 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)*

Laura Barmore

### Prayer of the Day

#### Preparation for the Word

### The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People:** *and also with you.*

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** *who made heaven and earth.*

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

**People:** *We shall not want.*

• **Hymn 210** *“Psalm 90: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Our powerful and loving Lord, you call to see everything with eyes of faith as Jesus did, but we do not look at the world as we ought.

**People:** *Instead of seeing with eyes of faith, we see as the world sees.*

Leader: When terrorism strikes,

**People:** *we see with eyes of fear.*

Leader: When our finances get tight,

**People:** *we see through anxious eyes.*

Leader: When people hurt us,

**People:** *bitterness and hate distort our vision.*

Leader: When we look in the mirror,

**People:** *we see through the eyes of a culture that looks for physical beauty.*

Leader: Teach us to see with the eyes of Christ, Father,

**People:** *so that when the bombs explode,*

Leader: and our debts are growing,

**People:** *and anger is aimed at us,*

Leader: and our faces are wrinkled,

**People:** *we see a sovereign Lord supporting us;*

Leader: we see the beauty in others

**People:** *and in ourselves.*

**All:** *Forgive us, and give us eyes that see correctly. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

### 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/Four Cents A Meal Offering

##### •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:** I Samuel 16:1-13                      Laura Barmore  
*(page 254)*

*The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before*

*Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.*

**Anthem** *“Ten Thousand Angels”*                      Adult Choir  
*(By Ray Overholt, Arranged by Roger C. Wilson)*  
Luke 22:42    Mark 14:36 *“He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set him free . . . but he died alone for you and me.”*

**New Testament Lesson:** I Corinthians 1:18-31 *(page 153)*  
*For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon**     *“Why Would God Choose Somebody Like That?”*  
                  Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

**Response to the Word**

- **Apostles’ Creed** (*page 14 - Traditional*)
- **Hymn 101**                   *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

**Announcements/Joys & Concerns**                   Laura Barmore

**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 84**                   *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*
- **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**

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and  
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respect one another while loving and serving  
the Lord; our doors and mission are  
open to all.*

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