

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 4th, 2018 3rd Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshiping 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 Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

Welcome *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Marion Simmers

Prelude

Silent Meditation

WE APPROACH GOD

Choral Introit

The Call to Worship

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

People: *Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, and to him be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.*

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: *The Lord's name be praised.*

•Hymn 6

"Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending"

•Fellowship Greeting

(Please feel free to drop any prayer requests you may have in the basket up front while greeting one another.)

Response as you return to your seat

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Chris-tian love:

The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds

Is like to that a-bove.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

O Lord our God, have patience with us. Greatly blessed, we have been ungrateful. Greatly trusted, we have been disloyal. Greatly forgiven, we have been unforgiving. Greatly loved, we have been unloving. We have put our rights before our duties, our desires before the needs of others. We seek praise, and ignore the truth.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

People: *He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.*

Leader: In Christ, we are forgiven.

People: *We are forgiven.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

*Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world
Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;
Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.*

(Children may go to downstairs to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon)

Anthem *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* Adult Choir
*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:53-72 (pages 48-49)

(Revised Standard Version)

And they led Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes were assembled. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, and their witness did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made

with hands.'" Yet not even so did their testimony agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But he was silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am; and you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments, and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows. And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the maids of the high priest came; and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway. And the maid saw him, and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. And after a little while again the bystanders said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." And immediately the cock crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon

"Saintliness"

Rev. Bernard Bangley

WE RESPOND TO GOD

•Hymn 467

"How Great Thou Art"

•Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional - page 14)

•Gloria Patri (#579)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther,

and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

**As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end. A-men, A-men.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Mission and Ministry

Marion Simmers

Reception of Tithes and Offerings Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

*Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.*

•The Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 364 *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #540 (verse 1)

*God be with you till we meet a-gain;
Lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you.
With a Shep-herd's care en-fold you:
God be with you till we meet a-gain*

Postlude

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and
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Mission Statement

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.

Serving During The Worship Service Today

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