

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Lord, you are the One who sends us on journeys and waits for us at the final destination.
When we find ourselves in valleys veiled in shadows, you walk alongside us, though we may never notice.
When we are weakened by life's burdens, you come and drape your peace on us Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman

*INTROIT # 339

"Be Thou My Vision" (v. 1 & 2)

Hull, 1912

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Early each morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.

We awake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.

During the day, Jesus comes to invite us to serve.

We rise from our work and leisure to bring healing and hope to others.

In the shadowed evenings of our fears and worries, the Spirit is with us.

The Light of life shines on us in every moment of every day. Praise God!

*HYMN #281

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hughes, 1907

CALL TO CONFESSION

God longs for us to sit by the still, safe waters of love, but we are too busy stirring up trouble with our actions, with our words, with our inability to be God's children. Let us bring our prayers to the One who will restore us with goodness and mercy. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, we sit in the ashes of lost dreams, while you see us as your beloved children.
We pay strict attention to all who break the rules, but ignore your grace which is freely poured out upon us. We try to box you in with boundaries we can manage, but you continue to burst forth to bring newness into the world. Have mercy on us, God of forgiveness, and open our eyes to your presence among us. Look at our hearts, teach us to*

see others in a different way, as siblings in the same family, kin to Jesus Christ, our Brother and Savior. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Spirit of the Lord has come upon us, bringing hope, life, and forgiveness for each one of us. *Now we will go forth as God's children, sent to bring the good news to everyone we meet. We will go with God's joy! Amen.*

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

I Samuel 16: 1-13

Bibles, p.248 / LG. p. 322

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM *Chancel Choir*

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
March Hymn of the Month

Hassler, 1601

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 9: 1-41

Bibles, p.96 / LG. p.125

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Do You See?"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"That our Lord Jesus offered himself a voluntary sacrifice unto his Father for us, that he suffered contradiction of sinners, that he was wounded and plagued for our transgressions, that he, the clean innocent Lamb of God, was condemned in the presence of an earthly judge, that we should be absolved before the judgment seat of our God; that he suffered not only the cruel death of the cross, which was accursed by the sentence of God, but also that he suffered for a season the wrath of his Father which sinners had deserved. But yet we avow that he remained the only, well beloved, and blessed Son of his Father even in the midst of his anguish for the sins of his people. From this we confess and avow that there remains no other sacrifice for sin; if any affirm so, we do not hesitate to say that they are

blasphemers against Christ's death and the everlasting atonement thereby purchased for us." This, we believe. Amen. – *The Scots Confession 3.09*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Chancel Choir "Throned Upon the Awful Tree"* Ellerton, 1875

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #81 *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"* Hernaman, 1873

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #84 *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* Bowring, 1825
POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week's prayers and concerns: Travis Reynolds, Cindy Ratliff, Jane & Tolly Dill and Diane Dill, Neil & Mariella Pennal, Jack Clark, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, and the staff and leadership of Grace Presbytery.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun 03/30	8:30-9:30a.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Tues. 04/01	5:30p.m.	Mexican Dinner
Wed. 04/02	4:30-5:30p.m.	Kids for God

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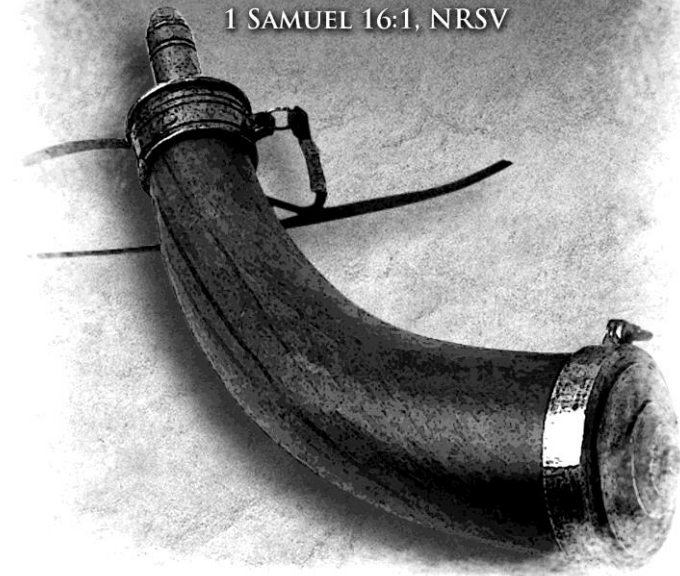
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"FILL YOUR HORN
WITH OIL AND SET OUT...
FOR I HAVE PROVIDED
FOR MYSELF A KING
AMONG HIS SONS."

1 SAMUEL 16:1, NRSV



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