

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2015

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

We are those who seek after love, and so we gather to wait and open our hearts, to the God who calls our name. Here is the God whom we love – the True God who loved us first. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE # 707

“Take Thou Our minds, dear Lord”

Laufer, 1918

WELCOME

Carol Scoggins

*INTROIT #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (v. 1&2)

Smith, 1867

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey. Keeping them is our joy!

*HYMN # 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Heber, 1827

CALL TO CONFESSION

Despite all that God has taught us, we still act foolishly. In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace. So let us confess together, trusting in God's wisdom and strength, rather than our own. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Creator, we sin against you without even knowing it. Forgive our sin and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for failing to honor all those whom you have put in our path. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, and brought us into this community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live again! This is the good news of God.

We will live in faithfulness with God and with one another. Thanks be to God!

*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

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Bibles, p. 157/ LG. p. 204

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart”

Croley, 1867

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 12: 28-34

Bibles, p. 46 / LG. p. 60

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Which Commandment Is First?”

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is the Chief end of humanity?

The chief end of humanity is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God?

The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God.

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

How many Persons are there in the Godhead?

There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

This, we believe. Amen.

– *The Shorter Catechism* Q 1, 2, 5, 6

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #63

“The Lord Is God”

Gambell, 2011

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #63

“The Lord Is God” (v. 1)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Jane, Tolly & Diane Dill, Bob Hays, Neil Pennal, Debbie Murphy, Billie Manck, Jack Clark, Joyce Huggins, Cindy Ratliff, Alicia Rich and Those loved ones known only to God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15	Kids for God
Mon.-Fri. 03/09-03-13	Church Secretary on vacation	

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Custodian: Bob Schauwecker Nursery Attendant: Martha Baughman



“Love
the LORD
your God
with all your
heart...soul
...mind and...
strength.”

Mark 12:30



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