

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Unison**

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

Our response this morning is: *hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Unison

Using the words our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Selected

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION - Unison**

You have shown us, O God, the sacrifice that you desire. Now use these gifts— and use our lives— to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family; all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***HYMN #774**

"There Is Now a New Creation" (v.1-3)

Gambrell, 2009

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***RESPONSE #774**

"There Is Now a New Creation" (v.4-5)

POSTLUDE

Selected

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



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Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

God of abundant mercy, teach me to be generous with your love and forgiveness as you have done for me. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

*“In This Very Room”
(Chancel Choir)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist - Jan Pennal

Come as you are, broken and burdened,
and find healing in God's goodness.
Come as you are, gifted and beloved,
and find purpose in God's calling.
Come as you are, weary and wary,
and find comfort in God's embrace.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and worship God with gladness.

*HYMN #336

“We Gather Together”

Baker, 1894

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together, first in silence, then in unison.

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Forgive us when we ignore your presence: when we place our trust in things that fade away. By your grace, move us to be more faithful disciples. By your forgiveness, empower us to share forgiveness with others.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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.

Word

* HYMN #439

*“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”
(Psalm 103)*

Havergal, 1847

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Joshua 5:9-12

Bibles,p.188/LG.p.244

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Bibles,p.170/LG.p.221

We proclaim Christ crucified- the wisdom and power of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #370

“This Is My Father's World”

Babcock, 1901

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Bibles, p.73/ LG. p.95

Happy are those who delight in God's word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we bend our knees and lift up our hearts, giving glory to God forever. *Amen.*

*HYMN #22

“God of the Sparrow”

Vajda, 1983