

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 12, 2017

The Second Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This
(The Mourning Lamb)

arr. Martin

INTROIT

My Help Comes From the Lord

Arcadelt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from John 3:1-16)

Leader: No one can see the Kingdom of God without being born from above.

People: No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of the Spirit.

Leader: What is born of the flesh is flesh;

People: But, what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Leader: The wind blows where it chooses, but no one knows where it comes from or where it goes.

People: So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Leader: For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son;

People: Everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

HYMN #371

Lift High the Cross
verses 1 and 3

CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are slow to confess our sins, O God; although You are quick to listen. You are ever ready to give, but we are seldom ready to receive Your blessings. You are so near to us, and we are so far from You. You are at home in our lives, and yet we are unworthy hosts. We often behave as if You were a stranger. Hear us, Divine Father; forgive our sins. Give us the vision to see beyond ourselves, and lead us to live more Christ-like lives. In His name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF OUR YOUNG CHURCH

A World of Difference

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

The Lamb

Coleman/Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

Father of Grace—Father of Faith—Children of God

Rev. Christian

*HYMN #85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Franck

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
verses 1 and 2

OLIVET

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Sing, Pray, and Swerve Not

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is John Florell.