FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 10, 2024
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND INVITATION Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Steven Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP Diana Hovorka

adapted from Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

***HYMN 369** *Blessing and Honor* O QUANTA QUALIA

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
echo these praises and tell of God's power.

Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise:
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness but rising to reign.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patient God,
we confess that it is far easier
to know what you desire of us
than it is to actually live it out.
Denying ourselves is hard.
Taking up our cross is hard.
Loving our neighbors is hard.
Being a servant is hard.
Renew in us a desire to live
the Jesus truth in the Jesus way
so that we might live the Jesus life.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SONG OF JOY 805** (vv. 1 & 4) *Come Sing to God* ELLACOMBE

Come sing to God, O living saints;
sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent;
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun,
a peace that is not vain.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - SURE Mackenzie Grimes

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *We Are Not Alone* Pepper Choplin
(The Chancel Choir with Carrie Mills, soloist)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:28-44

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Living the Answer* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Eugene Russell

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Diana Hovorka

from The Study Catechism (1989)

How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?
I am not my own. I have been bought with a price.
The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me.
I entrust myself completely to his care,
giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 394** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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 our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today. *(continued next page)*

Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Paul Manz

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