FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 17, 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 *It Is Well with My Soul* Tom Andrews

CALL TO WORSHIP Susan McDonald

adapted from Psalm 118

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN 357** *The Days Are Surely Coming* LLANGLOFFAN

The days are surely coming,
says God to all the earth,
when you will see my promise:
salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice
will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered
by my almighty hand.

The days are surely coming,
says Christ, the promised one,
when you will read my warning
in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble,
stand up and do not fear,
for I am your redeemer,
and I am drawing near.

The days are surely coming
when we will know at last
the fullness of God's presence,
God's promise, come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice
will spread throughout the land
and we will be delivered
by God's almighty hand.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
you promise to be with us in our struggles,
but we often let them overwhelm us anyway.
You tell us not to be afraid,
but we often let fear get the best of us.
Forgive us.
Help us to stay awake to your presence.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SONG OF JOY 804** (v. 1) *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Bob Chilcott
(The Chancel Choir)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word;
be thou ever with thee and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great father and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, still be my vision;
be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Trigger Warnings* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Susan McDonald

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 *Oboe Concerto in C Minor: Adagio* Benedetto Marcello
(Lucian Avalon, oboist)

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDRETH

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *The Confession of 1967*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Susan McDonald

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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 360** *Christ Is Coming!* UNSER HERRSCHER

Christ is coming! Let creation
from its groans and labor cease;
let the glorious proclamation
hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, O blessed Prince of peace.

Earth can now but tell the story
of your bitter cross and pain;
we shall yet behold your glory,
Lord, when you return to reign:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the strain.

With that blessed hope before us,
flutes are tuned and harps are strung;
let the mighty advent chorus
onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the song.

Long your exiles have been pining
for your promised rest and home,
but in heavenly glory shining,
soon the risen Christ shall come.
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Joyful, shout the victory psalm.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *O When the Saints Go Marching In* Steven Phillips

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

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