THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 3, 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 *Morning Has Broken* Welsh Tune/arr. Phillips
(Ryan Reddin, soprano saxophone; Isaac Mingus, bass;
Mark DeRose, drums; Steven Phillips, piano)

adapted from Psalm 5

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael Fingerle

Through the abundance of your steadfast love,
we will enter your house, O Lord.
Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy.

***HYMN 509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God,
you invite us into fellowship with you
when you call us to love our neighbor.
But we confess that love is hard.
We struggle to love those who are different from us.
We struggle to live out our faith in faithfulness
to your commands and Christ's example.
Forgive us.
Help us to love others as you have loved us.
Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us.
Help us to serve others as you have served us.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SONG OF JOY 583** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* TAIZÉ

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

***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 *Micah Blues* Kyle Pederson
(The Chancel Choir with Matt Jarvis)

Lyrics adapted from Micah 6:8

Refrain:
Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with our God.
Show mercy, grow compassion;
And live and love, and humbly walk with God.

Let others be the clanging cymbal;
Let others have their boast or brag;
Let others claw and cling to the things their eyes see;
Walk humbly, so humbly with Thee.

Let others know the pull of fortune;
Let others know the thrill of fame;
But as for me, Lord, give me the strength and humility
To walk only, and humbly, with Thee.

Keep on walkin', I will be walkin' with my God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:46-52

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *When God Interrupts* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Spanish Hymn/arr. Phillips
(Ryan Reddin, soprano saxophone; Isaac Mingus, bass;
Mark DeRose, drums; Steven Phillips, piano)

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

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 Study Catechism* (1989)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Michael Fingerle

How do you live for the love of God?

I love because God first loved me.

God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends.
Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself.
I live for the Lord who died and rose again,
triumphant over death, for my sake.
Therefore, I take those around me to heart,
especially those in particular need,
knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 516** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* KINGDOM

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *Come, Thou Fount* 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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