

Celebration of Worship

March 27, 2011 The Third Sunday of Lent 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

* *If you are able, please stand.* + + + *Arriving worshippers may be seated.*

WELCOME

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Outreach Committee Noel Ebrahim

BELL VOLUNTARY *All Creatures of Our God and King* John Behnke
The Ringers-on-the-Green

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*CALL TO WORSHIP *The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik*

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

The Holy One is a great God, and a ruler above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth and also the heights of the mountains.

The sea belongs to the Creator who made it and also the dry land, which God's hands formed.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Creator, our Maker!

For the One who formed us and all the world is our God.

And we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

*HYMN 446 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Austrian Hymn

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for a blest abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

See! the streams of living waters,

**springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,
never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
light by night, and shade by day;
Safe, they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

The Reverend Cynthia J. Alloway

God, the fount of every blessing, your streams of mercy never cease to flow. Why do we, at the first sign of trouble, begin to doubt you? We harden our hearts, insisting you solve the problems we put to you. We quarrel amongst ourselves, and hoard what we fear we might lose. We abandon hope, though you shower us with your love and power. Do not be angry with us, Lord. Forgive our faithless hearts and make them more like yours—steadfast and full of love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Hymn 82, O Lamb of God Most Holy!)*

**O Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:**

- (1) Have mercy on us, Jesus.**
- (2) Have mercy on us, Jesus.**
- (3) Your peace be with us, Jesus.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Susan Hubbard (9:15)

Clarence Curry (11:00)

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out your living water upon us that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7
(*Old Testament, page 61*)

ANTHEM (9:15) *A Lenten Prayer* Robert Powell
Cantate Omnes

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today; give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray. Forty days did Jesus face temptation strong; give me strength to conquer knowing right from wrong. I would be like Jesus turning from all sin, with His love to keep me true and faithful within. When I look to Jesus, He will show the way; help me come to meet Him pure on Easter Day.

ANTHEM (11:00) *Dear Lord and Father* C. H. H. Parry
The Chancel Choir
Julie Ramseyer, soprano

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives, Thy service find, in deeper rev'rence praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow Thee. Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease: take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace. Breathe thro' the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

GOSPEL READING: John 4:5-42
(*New Testament, page 89*)

SERMON: “*A Visit at a Well*” *Rev. Smazik*

**HYMN 356* *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.**

**Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here by Thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;**

**He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY (9:15)

The Holy Lamb of God

K. Lee Scott

Cantate Omnes

When Christ, the Holy Lamb of God, was raised on Calvary's tree, His sinless life in ransom paid to set his people free, the sun its brightness soon withheld; the earth in fear did quake; and all of heaven stood amazed at love so deep so great. His body there was pierced and torn, abused, despised and slain; He bled for sins that we have done, God's judgment to restrain. To us he brings his lasting peace, with joy forevermore; and by his bruises we are healed; His death shall life restore O blessed Jesus, Lamb most pure, You suffered much for me; though shamed, you opened not your mouth through bitter agony! How can my voice in silence wait; my heart in silence stand? Now all the host of heaven sings Your praise at God's right hand. How can my voice in silence wait; my heart in silence stand? Now all the host of heaven sings Your praise at God's right hand.

OFFERTORY (11:00)

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley

Dale Wood

The Chancel Choir

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself. O nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves; O nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves. Jesus walked the road to Calv'ry; he bore our sins upon the cross! O nobody else is like our Savior, he died that we may live.

**RESPONSE (from Hymn 542, Tallis' Canon)*

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

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

**HYMN 84*

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

**CHARGE AND BLESSING*

BENEDICTION ANTHEM (9:15)

When Jesus Wept

William Billings

Cantate Omnes

When Jesus wept, a falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

BENEDICTION ANTHEM (11:00)

Benediction and Sevenfold Amen

K. Lee Scott

The Chancel Choir

Scott Gothe, baritone

Now unto Jesus Christ, the humble servant, the King of angels and Lord of glory, be honor and praise through endless ages. Amen.

*Participating in the service today are the Reverends Dr. David J. Smazik and
Cynthia J. Alloway and lay readers Susan Hubbard and Clarence Curry.
The music is under the direction of James D. Hicks, Director of Music Ministries.*