

Communion Service for March 4, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/There Is a Redeemer” -arr. A.L. Page

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT “Open Our Eyes” (*See insert*)

- CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: To the “self-made” person the message of Christ crucified is a stumbling block.

All: Lord, don’t permit self-centeredness to rule my life.

One: To the “know it all” the cross is just religious nonsense.

All: Lord, don’t permit arrogance to rule my life.

One: Let the words of our mouths and the things we mull over in our minds.

All: Be acceptable to You, O God, our strength and our Redeemer.

- GATHERING HYMN #579 “Standing in the Need of Prayer”

- CALL TO CONFESSION

- PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know - we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

- SILENT CONFESSION

- ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

- THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

- GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST “Ashtee” – Farsi for Peace

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #30 *(Sing 3x's with growing enthusiasm)*

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Amen, Bawo, amen, Bawo,

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

INTERLUDE "Walk With Me" *(Sung by all)*

(Children ages 3-6th grade are welcome to join us downstairs for Sunday School.)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

(Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 19:1-10** *(page 498)*

Exodus 20:1-17 *(page 66)*

Second Reading: **John 2:13-22** *(page 93)*

I Corinthians 1:18-25 *(page 166)*

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM "O Holy Jesus" -arr. R.E. Schram

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In unison)*

**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.**

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY "The Old Rugged Cross" -arr. G. Schuster *(Rhonda Stelpflug, Clarinet)*

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE #382 (*Sung by all*)

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”(Verse 1)

**We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

Loving God, light of our life, joy of our journey, peace of our daily pathway we give you thanks. We reach out to share your love through these tithes and offerings and our investment of time and energy in the tasks to which you call us. Creator, weave together the gifts we share into one body. With you, we are prepared to serve and love wherever we go. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(At Emanuel we practice an open communion table. We invite all who are seeking Christ's strength to share in this sacred meal. You will be invited forward, take a piece of bread and dip it in the juice (white) or wine (red), or you may take a cup of juice if you prefer. Gluten Free wafers are available if you prefer. If you need to be served at your seat, please remain seated.)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving #414 (*Sung by all*)

Eat this bread, drink this cup;

Come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup;

Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Supper

Communion Hymn #384 “Here at Thy Table, Lord”

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

Dear God, in this place and at this table, we have become one with you. Grant that we may go from this place filled with your love and that we may share it with all your people. In Christ's presence and name, we pray. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #207 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Epilogue” -L. Smith

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.

Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.