

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Raymond

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Organ

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121

Dick Raymond

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”

(Hymn #694)

(VERSE 1)

Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God;

he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

(VERSE 2)

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, while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage? —

grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

(VERSE 3)

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering;
showing that the Lord is near!
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day,
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

(VERSE 4)

Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name;
fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

“WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR”

(VERSE 1)

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh you rescue the souls of men

(CHORUS)

**You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for**

(VERSE 2)

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace

You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

(VERSE 3)

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving your own
Here in our weakness you find us
Falling before your throne
Oh we're falling before your throne

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TIME OF PRAYER

Marie Collins

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Call to Confession

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Trusting in God's overflowing grace,
let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.
Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord,
and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the good news of God's grace:
Though we were sinners,
Christ died for us.

Though we were enemies of God,
God loved us.
Once we were lost and dead—
now Christ has become our life and salvation.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

SONG OF WORSHIP:

...PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

“I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS”

(Hymn #464)

(VERSE 1)

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
he bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson Stains
clean in his blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

(VERSE 2)

I lay my needs on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him;
he heals all my diseases; my soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
he from them all releases; he all my sorrows shares.

(VERSE 3)

I long to be like Jesus—meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus—the Father’s holy Child.
I long to be with Jesus, amid the heavenly throng,
to sing with saints his praises, to learn the angels’ song.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Marie Collins

Invitation to the Offering

See how the fields are ripe for harvest!
Already, God is gathering fruit for eternal life.
With rejoicing, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

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***Doxology**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

O Lord, you are our God;
we are the people of your pasture,
the sheep of your hand.
As you have fed us by your mercy,
may it be our daily bread to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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*Bringing our gifts and / or lighting a candle... Please feel free to go to either
the front or the rear of the sanctuary.
The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.*

Offertory

"An Irish Blessing"

Organ

Bryan Glyncannon

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laverne Meekhof

Exodus 17:1–17 (NIV)

¹ The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites

quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

⁸The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands.”

¹⁰So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹²When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

¹⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven.”

¹⁵Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner.

¹⁶He said, “Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”

MESSAGE

Danielle Ramsay

“The Lord is Among Us”

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“JESUS CAME, THE HEAVENS ADORING”

(Hymn #194)

(VERSE 1)

Jesus came, the heavens adoring –
came with peace from realms on high,
Jesus came for our redemption,

Humbly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia! came in deep humility.

(VERSE 2)

Jesus comes to us in mercy
When our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes in power, to answer
Every earnest, heartfelt prayer:
Alleluia! Alleluia! comes to save us from despair.

(VERSE 3)

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing –
All the past he now forgives;
Jesus comes to share his kingdom
With the sinners he receives:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Death is conquered: Jesus lives!

(VERSE 4)

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant
When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory –
Let us then our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing till the dawn of endless day.

BENEDICTION

Danielle Ramsay

POSTLUDE

“A Trumpet Air”

Organ

David Paxton

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In the pulpit today: Danielle Estelle Ramsay is a native of Spokane, Washington. She recently graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and is continuing to discern her call to ministry. She loves serving God's people, and is happy to be back in the city of Spokane.