

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 19, 2017
11:00 A.M.**

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.
GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE "Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor" J.S. Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE TO OUR NEIGHBOR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather this morning in the name of the creator,
Who, even now, creates time and space,
galaxies stars and planets;
And in the name of Jesus Christ, born on planet Earth;
And in the name of the Spirit, who fills Earth with her presence,

**ALL: Creator God,
In this time we call "now"
And in this space we call "here",
We gather to worship you.
And let your presence be felt amongst us.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "My Hope is Built" No. 368

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" No. 273
(Verse 1 as children come forward, Verse 2 for as they dismiss)

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Hymnal No. 48
Please see the insert in your bulletin for names of those joining today.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

LITANY CALL TO PRAYER

One: Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth and Calvary

**All: We celebrate your birth
Come and be born in us**

One: Jesus of the manger and the inn
Jesus of the workshop and the temple
Jesus of the lakeside and the city
Jesus of the fireside and the roadside

**All: We celebrate your life
Come and be born in us**

One: Jesus of Mary and Joseph
Jesus of shepherds and angels
Jesus of children and animals
Jesus of fishermen and priests

Jesus of women and men
Jesus of tax collectors and prostitutes
Jesus of all who will receive you

**All: We celebrate your presence now.
Come and be born in our prayers.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

CHORAL ANTHEM

"And Can It Be"

Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain— for me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace— emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race: 'tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me! 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me! No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine; alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2: 6-8

(NT p. 197)

Key verse: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings.

Leader: The Word of God. All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Lenten Sermon Series—Credo:

"What Does it mean to Believe in Jesus Christ?"

RESPONDING TO THE LORD

Creed of Our Faith (see insert)

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

"In the Garden"

No. 314

*Doxology

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here

below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer Over the Gifts

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Christ Loves the Church"

No. 590

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You "

arr. Diane Clark

*POSTLUDE

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

J.S. Bach