

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 15, 2020  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE "Cantabile" César Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come continue on our journey through Lent as we step inside the story of a teacher who turned the world upside down. Come let us put ourselves in the picture of Holy Week so that we might take a closer look and let the ancient story open us to deeper conviction for the call to follow the Teacher, Jesus. Come let us place ourselves in the crowd this week, to be moved and motivated by Jesus for our lives—to get a faithful perspective. What would we have seen, heard and felt? What do we do now?

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Bring Forth the Kingdom" No. 2190

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together:

**All: We come here to encounter the teachings of Jesus.**

**Many wanted to destroy him for these teachings,  
and sometimes we too find that his words challenge us,  
calling us to more than we think we can be or do.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Let us be shaped into a new people,  
made in the mold of justice,  
not the stamp of Caesar's coin.**

**You entered our story through Jesus,  
now help us to enter fully into the story  
of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Know this: There are people whose lives  
have been changed completely  
by this story of love and passion.  
Transformation is possible.  
You are forgiven and freed,  
encouraged and loved  
by a God who wants you to live fully.  
Let us enter the passion of Christ,  
And speak the Lord's Prayer together.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Cry No More"

Dan Forrest

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home, Where the sighs are deep and doubtful, and our aspirations groan, All is not in vain, Beloved, our travail is not unknown. Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last; Love Incarnate, hold Your children, till the storm of life is past. Though we have not faith to seek Him, Christ Himself will draw us near, Deep, abiding rays of mercy, cast their light on only fear. Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here.

Sure defender, never failing, radiant Savior, Holy Friend, Gift of glory, Hope of heaven, call us now to faith again! Alleluia!  
Blest compassion, Grace is shining without end!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22: 15-22

(NT p. 24)

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

SERMON

*Entering the Passion of Jesus—Lenten Sermon Series:*  
"Flip a Coin"

**BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

No. 298

\*DOXOLOGY

TUNE No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

No. 344

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Go Ye Now In Peace”

Joyce Eilers

\*POSTLUDE

“Miroir”

Ad Wammes

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.