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Lent 3 Evening Worship with Communion

March 15, 2023

7:00 PM

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As we gather. . . We are called by the grace of God who gave us His son to show His love for the world and His willingness to come to the earth and dwell among us.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 25:1-10)*

We come, trusting in God's mercy and love,
longing to know and to learn more about God's ways.

**We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth—
to experience the joy of God's salvation.**

We come, at the beginning of our Lenten journey,
aware of God's steadfast love helping us to overcome
the trials and temptations which can descend on us at any time.

**Lead us, O God, to do what is right in your eyes
and teach us to follow the humble way of Christ,
your beloved Son, our crucified and risen Lord.**

+ HYMN

Bless the Lord

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OPENING PRAYER

Dear Lord, you have known us from the beginning of time, you have known us in the depths of our dreams and in the darkness of our shame, you know us as your beloved.

Help us to own that core identity more and more in this season of repentance and mercy. Give us the rock-solid assurance of your unwavering faith in us as we seek the same in you.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dear Father, we confess before you that we have sinned; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us.

With faith and hope, let us confess our sin as we pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin,
we confess before you that we have sinned;
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: Please come by way of the center aisle when an usher indicates. All the bread is gluten free. Please partake of the elements when you receive them, and dispose of your cups in the baskets provided. If you cannot come forward, a server will bring communion to you in your row.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dear Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They shall perish, but you will endure. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us your people, but we turned from you leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved us and sought us. In Christ, your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life. And we affirm our thanksgiving with the words our Savior taught us, saying,

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Eat This Bread

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please leave prayerfully and in silence.

+ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Mar. 15, 22, 29

Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Dinner 6:00 PM

Lenten Worship with Communion 7:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal 8:30 PM

April 2, 2023 Palm-Passion Sunday

One worship service - Communion 10 AM

Adult/Youth Bible Study 8:45 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 10:15 AM

April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday service 7:00 PM

April 7, 2023 Good Friday - Prayer Vigil 10 AM - 2:30 PM

April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship service 8:30 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 8:45 AM

Adult/Youth Bible Study 9:45 AM

252 Kids Club 9:45 AM

Contemporary Worship service 11:00 AM

252 Kids Children's Ministry 11:15 AM