THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
MARCH 18, 2018 10:30 AM
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Preparing to Worship

PRELUDE Herzliebster Jesu arr. P. Stearns
Were You There? arr. J. Linker

THREE CHIMES (honoring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

Gathering to Worship

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP Kellie Skweres

INTROIT We Are One With The Lord D. Besig
(The Chancel Choir)

INVOCATION (unison) Kellie Skweres
Reconciling One, be present here this day. Create in us clean hearts and right spirits, so that our paths are your path and our thoughts are your thoughts. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE** #406
We Are Standing on Holy Ground

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Kellie Skweres
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
All: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
Leader: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
All: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and to those who remember to do his commandments.

***OPENING HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory #307

CONGREGATIONAL UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of mercy, you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and you have given us the gift of your Holy Spirit to open our hearts to enact such love. Yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern your dream of reconciliation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Silence for self-reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Rev. Linda Ruby
God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

***GLORIA PATRI** #581

ANTHEM Now Let Us Sing arr. S. Rogers
(The Chosen Few)

YOUTH MESSAGE Rev. Linda Ruby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hearing The Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Linda Ruby
The holy catholic Church and the communion of Saints
Scripture *Hebrews 12:1-2 & 1 Peter 2:9* (insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed pg. #35

Responding to The Word

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING
Offertory Anthem My Savior Jesus P. Liebergen
(The Chancel Choir)
*Doxology #606
*Prayer of Dedication

Leaving as Christ's Servants

***CLOSING HYMN** The Church's One Foundation #321

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** Because He Lives
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
because He lives, all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because He lives.

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** J. M. Bach
Wenn Mein Stündlein Vorhanden Ist

*You may stand if you are able.

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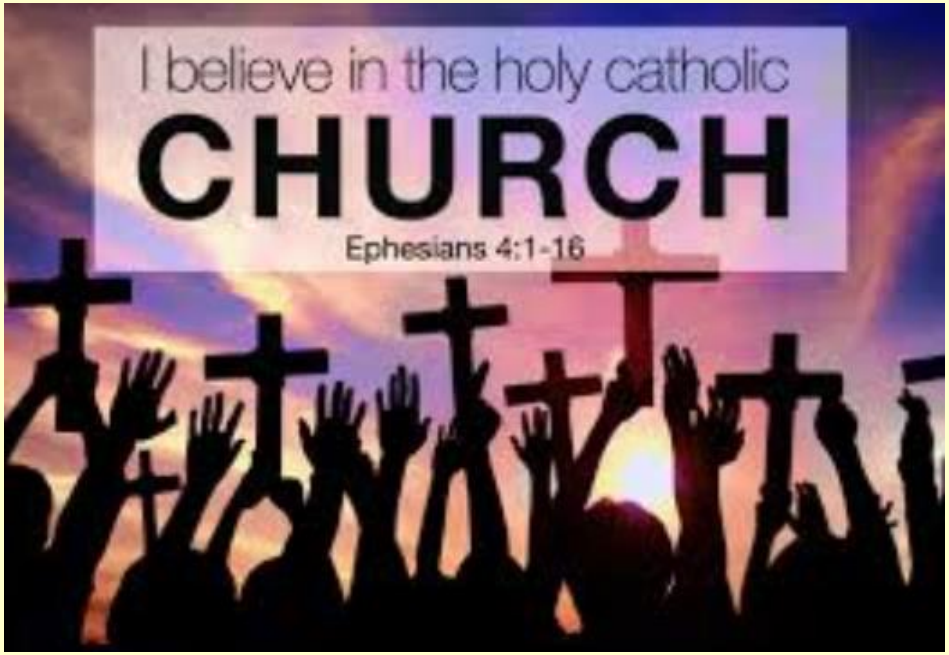
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