

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
MARCH 4, 2018 10:30 AM
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Preparing to Worship

PRELUDE Cortège D. Wood
Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross arr. D. Wood

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

Gathering to Worship

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP Marie Sandridge

INTROIT Ye Who Claim The Faith Of Jesus D. Hurd
(The Chancel Choir)

INVOCATION (unison) Marie Sandridge
Walk with us on this journey, O God. Be present today on our paths to the cross even as you were with Jesus. May this journey have meaning for our worship together and for the lives we live daily. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE** Lord, Prepare Me #701

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (unison) Marie Sandridge
Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see! Once we lived in darkness, but now — as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true. Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

***OPENING HYMN** Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven #511

CONGREGATIONAL UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, we bring our confession to you so that what is hidden in us becomes visible. You are the God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

(Silence for self-reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Rev. Linda Ruby
Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** #581

ANTHEM R. MacGimsey
I Was There When They Crucified My Lord
(Solo by David Chesney)

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
We accept there are Mysteries in our Faith
Scripture *Philippians 2:6-11 and Apostles' Creed* (insert)

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

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn of Preparation Breathe on Me, Breath of God (v 1) #286

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Serving of the Elements

Hymn of Thanksgiving Breathe on Me, Breath of God (v 4) #286

Responding to The Word

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

arr. J. Helgen

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

(The Chancel Choir and The Chosen Few)

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

Leaving as Christ's Servants

*CLOSING HYMN

#687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1-3,6)

*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

Jesu, Meines Lebens Leben

F. Zachau

*You may stand if you are able.

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