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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017 at 9 and 11:15 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.

We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.

Prayer of Preparation

Gracious God, in order that the children of the earth might discern good from evil, you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Tocatta in D minor, 'Dorian', BWV 538

J. S. Bach

(11:15 am)

(1685-1750)

(9 & 11:15 am) Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 633

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 454

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Liebster Jesu

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

David P. Smith

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, O merciful Savior, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Deutsche Messe*)

Franz Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Wondrous Love

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

Text: American Folk Hymn, c. 1811

Music: Anonymous, from Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835)

*THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pastor: The Psalmist reminds us that in keeping God's law there is great reward. Let us recount for our benefit these words of God's instruction for life:

**People: You shall have no other gods before me.
You shall make no idols nor worship or serve them.
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
Honor your father and mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Lord, give us grace to walk in this, your way.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beverly A. Bartlett

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13

(nrsv, page 248 OT)

*PSALM 23 (Hymn 171)

St. Columba

(During the last stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORSHIP

Children's Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge.

Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.

The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14
(*nrsv, page 183 NT*)

Andrew D. Smothers

GRADUAL (11:15 am)

Andrew Henderson

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
(*Psalms 19:14*)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-18a, 35-41
(*nrsv, page 92 NT*)

Tyler W. Orem

SERMON

“The Lord Looks on the Heart”

Dr. Springsted

*THE NICENE CREED (9 am)

Mr. Smith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF DEACONS (11:15 am)

Joan Dietrich & Nancy Ost, *Class of 2019*

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS
TO THE OFFICERS-ELECT

Dr. Springsted

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Elder Kristin Hohmann

Do you, the members of the church, accept these new officers chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do you agree to encourage these officers, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Dr. Springsted

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Springsted

...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

The Lord is My Shepherd,
Op. 91, No. 1

Lennox Berkeley
(1903-1989)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (Psalm 23:1-4)

Katherine Wessinger, soprano

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
 here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)

INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

“...who forever sing to the glory of your name:”

SANCTUS

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full, of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____
 in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - sa - na in the
 high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

(Communion Prayer continues) "...the mystery of faith:"

ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

Pastor: Gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Let us keep the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.

COMMUNION QUARTET (11:15 am)

Gott ist mein Hirt, D. 706 (1820)

Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)

Gott ist mein Hirt, mir wird nichts mangeln. Er langert mich auf grüne weide, er leitet mich an stillen bächen, er labt mein schmachtendes Gemüt, er führt mich auf gerechtem steige zu seines namens ruhm. Und wall' ich auch im todeschatten tale, so wall' ich ohne furcht, denn du beschüttest mich, dein stab und deine stütze sind mir immerdar mein trost. Du richest mir ein freudenmahl im angesicht der feinde zu, du salbst mein haupt mit öle, und schenkst mir volle becher ein, mir folget heil und seligskeit in diesem leben nach, einst ruh' ich ew'ge zeit dort in des ew'gen haus.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long

(Psalm 23)

Katherine Wessinger & Marisa Karchin, sopranos
Helen Karloski & Desirée Baxter, altos

