



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2012

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME.....Kitty Baker

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs-1st grade are invited to gather on the steps with Rev. Cyd.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE.....arr. Ray

Praise Him! Praise Him!

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder: Come, people of faith, trusting God's steadfast love.
Take refuge in His eternal presence.

PEOPLE: **WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOD FIRST IN OUR LIVES.
WE SEEK TO RELY ON A POWER BEYOND OURSELVES.**

Elder: Gather in silent awe before the source of all things.
Climb God's holy hill, and give thanks.

PEOPLE: **IT IS NOT EASY TO HAVE FAITH IN ONE WE DO NOT KNOW.
IT IS FRIGHTENING TO REALIZE GOD'S SOVEREIGN POWER.**

Elder: Know that Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the one in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

UNISON: **WE ARE THE CHURCH, GATHERED IN CHRIST'S NAME.
WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, SEEKING TO LIVE FAITHFULLY.**

WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 67 *(vs. 1,2,3)*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Alex Everett

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Awesome God, we thirst for your Word. We long to make sense of so much we do not understand. We want our worship to be more than a quick diversion from tasks that seem more pressing. We want to believe there is more to life than seeking personal gain. We bring to you today our troubles and anxieties, our estrangements and hostilities, our boasting and deceits. Meet us here with truth we cannot avoid. May our faith always be in Christ who teaches us to pray 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING *(pg 886)*Acts 2:41-47

ANTHEM Narrator, Fred Fritts.....arr. Lantz III

My Dying Lord

SECOND READING *(pg 845)*Luke 10:38-42

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill

Responsibility

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Berry

The Lord's My Shepherd

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Through our offerings, loving God, we proclaim Christ to the world. We dedicate all we are giving to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward Christian maturity. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers for justice, as stewards of hope. We turn from false securities to put our confidence in you, that the mystery of your glorious Word may be opened up among all your people. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 46

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 265

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Kitty Baker

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Ben Cowgill

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. East Wells

O, How I Love Jesus

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 461**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

RECOGNITION OF KITTY BAKER

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION..... CH. 433

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

****PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE***

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Linda Hayes, Rick Lahy, Erica Zyliak, Millicent Wise



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that
you will experience God's presence in the week ahead.
See you next Sunday!*



Bread of Life Ministry

*We offer a loaf of fresh bread to first time visitors.
Please indicate your presence during worship.*



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