



Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)* †

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE.....arr. Ray
He Leadeth Me

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Emily Nutting

Leader: People of God, where do we put our trust?
Where do we find wholeness and meaning?

People: **We lift up our eyes to the hills.
Our help comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: We are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah.
We trust in God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

People: **We are followers of Jesus, who proclaims God's realm.
We are born of the Spirit, born from above.**

Leader: Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us.
By the grace of God, we are born anew each day.

People: **God loved the world in the gift of Jesus Christ.
Through faith in Him, we receive eternal life.**

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 16
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Let the winds of the Spirit blow in our midst today, loving God. Let us hear the sound and feel the power. We need courage to face the challenges and struggles of life, Lord. We seek reassurance that You will be with us in our going out and our coming in. Strengthen our faith to withstand the trials and temptations that lead us away from a faithful journey with Christ. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ who taught 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 and 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 COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 498)..... Psalm 121

ANTHEM.....arr. Harlan
Worship Tapestry

SECOND READING (pg 863).....John 3:1-17

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill
The Shadow of Ignorance

CHORAL RESPONSE.....Taize
Our Eyes are Turned to the Lord

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: *If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God.*

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Berry
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for glimpses of eternity in the daily experiences of life. We are grateful for encounters that lift the horizons of our vision. We rejoice in the teaching and care You have provided to us. Bless now the gifts we return to You for the programs and outreach of the church. We want to share our faith with the world. We pray for trustful relationships among all Your children. We rejoice together in the saving ministry of Jesus that inspires us to give our best. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528
Give Thanks

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 420 (vs. 1, 3)
I Come with Joy

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.

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Fred Fritts

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Carrie Kelly

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Tornquist
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION**.....CH. 543

Blessed Assurance

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.

***BENEDICTION**

*** TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children Worship & Wonder
7th & 8th Grades remain in church

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Christie Wells, Andres Wells, Marla Terry, Charles Kelly



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



The Welcome Loaf

We offer a loaf of homemade bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please greet Rev. Cyd at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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Into the Shadows



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