



Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE.....William Doane
'Tis The Blessed Hour of Prayer

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Matthew Mills

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

PEOPLE: THE DECREES OF THE LORD ARE SURE, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE;

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

PEOPLE: THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD IS CLEAR, ENLIGHTENING THE EYES.

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable,

UNISON: O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER.

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 25 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty and wondrous God, You gave us Your law from Mount Sinai. We have heard it and seek to heed it. Though we know that we have failed to keep Your law, our knowledge of the law gives us comfort. Your precepts and guidance give our lives structure and strength. As we continue our Lenten Journey, turning our faces to Jerusalem, we ask again for Your guidance and blessing. Help us to know in this time of worship Your presence, Your comfort, and Your truth. We offer ourselves and our prayers to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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. 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
Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 926).....1 Corinthians 1:18-25

ANTHEM.....John Wimber
Spirit Song

SECOND READING (pg. 863).....John 2:13-22

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.
"Stop Making My Father's House a Marketplace!"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Walter O'Donnell
In the Beauty of Holiness

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God of every good gift. You have given us so much, and we return out tithes and offerings as a sign of our awareness of Your blessing. Unlike the moneychangers of old, we trust in You O God, to make these offerings pure and righteous. We ask Your blessing upon both the gifts and the givers, that You will use them for Your purposes: that Your reign on earth will be increased. We offer this prayer, now and forever, in the Spirit of Gratitude and Thanksgiving, in Christ's holy name. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 46
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 402 (vs. 1, 2, 3)
According to Thy Gracious Word

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Tony Peris

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Lois Pyles

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Bertha Frick
Following Thee

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. 556 (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

Trust and Obey

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.....Rowland Pritchard**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Sharon Jenson, Bubba Jenson, Charles Kelly, Emily Vinson



*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. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

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



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