



# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2015

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**PRELUDE**.....Charles Sergisson

*Call to Prayer*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Emily Vinson

Leader: Light has entered our world; rejoice!  
Light is God's gift to each, and to all together.

**PEOPLE: GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR DAYS OF WATCHFUL CARE.  
THE STEADFAST LOVE OF GOD ENDURES FOREVER.**

Leader: Let those whom God has redeemed rejoice!  
Let them tell the world of God's good news!

**PEOPLE: WE WILL THANK GOD FOR WONDERFUL WORKS.  
WE WILL REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL HUMANKIND.**

Leader: By God's word, we are delivered from destruction.  
By God's mercy, we are healed and made whole.

**UNISON: OUR VOICES WILL JOIN IN SONGS OF JOY.  
OUR LIVES WILL OFFER SACRIFICES OF THANKSGIVING.**

**\*WORSHIP HYMN**.....CH. 517

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**.....Grant Gonsalves

### **\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

God of infinite patience, we call on You once more, knowing that You have every reason to question our coming together. We have worshiped without expectation. We have gathered without diligent preparation, as if meeting You laid no requirements on us. Amid the complexities of our lives, we have forgotten to set aside times to be still before You. Sometimes we feel as if we are bitten by snakes all week long, so we assemble here for some relief and healing. O God, will You meet us as we are? 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. 757*).....Micah 6:8

**ANTHEM**.....John Stainer

*God So Loved the World*

**SECOND READING** (*pg. 804*).....Matthew 22:36-40

**MESSAGE**.....Kay Langley Dezern

*"God's Requirement of Us"*

### SILENT MEDITATION

### MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

**OFFERTORY**.....George Blake

*The Holy Light*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For life-sustaining gifts that we so often take for granted—for shelter, food, and meaningful tasks to do; for Your steadfast love that awakens us and raises us from our sinful ways; for Your word that guides and heals us—we give You thanks, gracious God. As we invest a part of all You entrust to us to further the ministries of the church, may we show to others the immeasurable riches of Your grace in Jesus Christ. Make this church a beacon of hope for the world. Amen.

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**.....CH. 46

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### COMMUNION INVITATION

**COMMUNION HYMN**.....CH. 411 (vs. 1, 3)

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD**.....Steve Gray

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP**.....Mary Redmon

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**.....Robert Thygeron

*Give Me Thy Heart*

*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. 518 (vs. 1, 2, 3)**

***This Is a Day of New Beginnings***

*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.....Nolene Prince**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts***

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> attend LIVE BIG!

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

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Mary Peris, Katie Mills, Christie Wells, Andrew Wells



*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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