

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Rondo Expressivo

C. P. E. Bach

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

Burgess and Polhill

Wise God, jealous and holy,

your love brings us truth.

Wise God, just and joyful,

your stories bring us hope.

Wise God, wakeful and surprising,

your breath brings us life.

Teach us truth, gladden our hearts,

circle us with love.

Trust us with justice, sweeten our days,

circle us with love.

Keep us holy, give light to our eyes,

circle us with love.

◆ Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Holy One...

Forgive us, O Lord, and transform us by your grace.

Forgive us, O Lord, and free us from all that keeps us bound.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God invites us to see the world through a lens of love.

Beloved, open your eyes.

God is God, and we are not, so God invites us to give up control.

Beloved, relax your arms.

God is freeing us from the systems that keep us bound.

Beloved, open your hands.

God is calling us to free one another.

Beloved, reach a hand toward a neighbor.

Hear this good news and proclaim it together:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to try again. Amen.

- ◆ Sung Response

Glory to God no. 618

**All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.**

- ◆ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Young children are invited to depart to the education building for a time of unstructured play.

God's Word to Us

Sung Prayer for Illumination

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Exodus 20:1-17

OT p. 63
Rich Gregory

Anthem

Bow Down Low

Shaker song, arr. David Bridges

Bow down low and bend your head. Bow down low and bend your head.

For I've come to sweep this house, for to sweep the Lord's house clean.

Yes, I've come to wash and clean from this floor the stains of sin,

For, lo I've come again and not come in vain.

Sweep high, sweep low, sweep clean as you go.

Bow down low, . . .

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

NT p. 87

Sermon

Varmints!

Jewell-Ann Parton

Responding to God's Word

- ◆ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven

and sitteth on the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Congregation

The Offering

Offertory *Teach Me, O Lord* Thomas Attwood
Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

- ◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup Hymnal Supplement no. 52
**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer *Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

... Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; HS 78

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. HS 79

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music *My Song is Love Unknown* arr. Karl Osterland

Communion Hymn 530 **One Bread, One Body** ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us so that we might be bread for others. May we meet Jesus as we do the work of Jesus. Send us out, not as saviors, but as those who receive and share your hope and healing with the world you so love. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 216 **Beneath the Cross of Jesus** ST. CHRISTOPHER

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction Response

Go With Us, Lord

Thomas Tallis

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Saturday, March 2 through 16

PACEM at Westminster continues

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. Church School Hour

11 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

1 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

Wednesday, March 6

5:30 p.m. Fellowship on Tap at Three Notch'd Brewery

Thursday, March 7

7 p.m. Choir rehearsal in the Choir Room

Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

9:30 a.m. Church School hour

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Singers rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:30 p.m. Session meeting in the Library

Today's guest organist is Diane Kingsbury.

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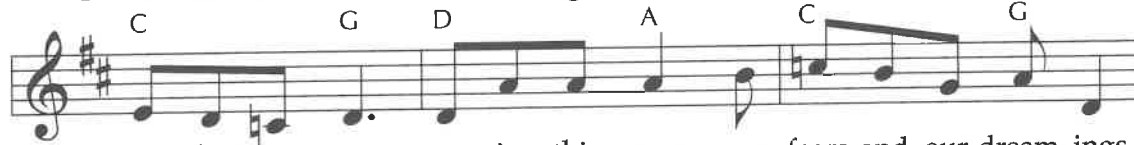
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Gather Us In

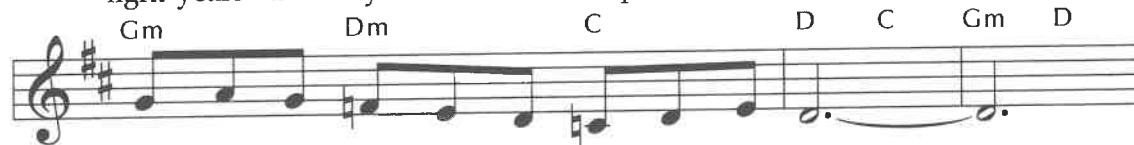
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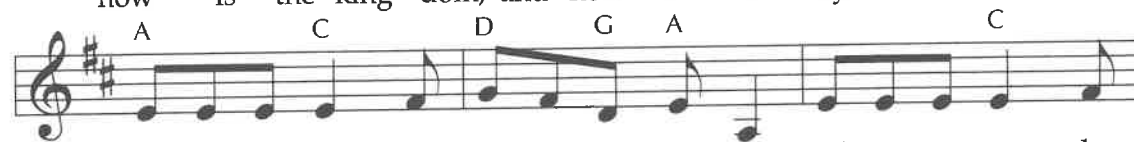
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

530 One Bread, One Body

Refrain

C G C G C G D

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of

Em D G D G Em A

all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.

D C G C G C G D

And we, though man-y, through-out the

Em D G D G Em A D G (C) Fine

earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

G D Em D Em

1 Gen - tile or Jew,	ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts,	man - y the
3 Grain for the fields,	scat - tered and

D Em7 F Am D

to Refrain

free,	wom - an or man,	no more.
works,	one in the Lord	of all.
grown,	gath - ered to one,	for all.

This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross; impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor. The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.