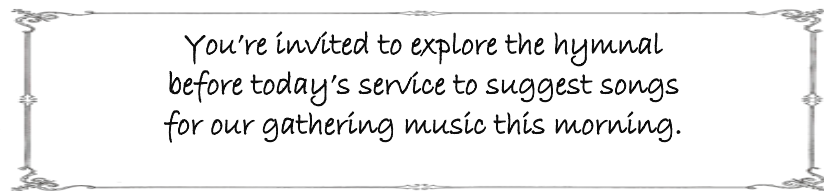


“Spirit-filled souls are ablaze for God.
They love with a love that glows.
They serve with a faith that kindles.
They rejoice with a joy that radiates.”
– SAMUEL CHADWICK

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE



:: HYMN SING ::

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Diane Combs arr. Wayne Wold

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**, responsive Psalm 36:5-7
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountain.
Your wisdom is as deep as the sea.
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
We take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

* **OPENING HYMN** “For the Beauty of the Earth”
#14 v. 1,2,4,5

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we admit our lukewarm faith. Neglecting to stoke
the fire of faith, we feel like a pile of ashes. O Lord, forgive us
and turn us around. Help us to continually seek you so that our
love and devotion for you and one another continually burns
fiery hot, through the power of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**, *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 Pon-
tius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into
hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended
into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Al-
mighty; 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

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love and
forgive one another.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM “What Does the Lord Require?” arr. Eric Nelson
FIRST SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:14-22 Lee Hutchison
SECOND 2 Chronicles 15:1-7

SERMON “Tending the Fire”
Rev. Holly K. Davis

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE (seated)

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” #279

1. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.

2. In vain we tune our formal songs;
in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.

3. Dear Lord, and shall we ever live
at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,
and thine to us so great!

4. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours.

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “The Gift of Love” / “How Beautiful”
arr. Anna Laua Page

* **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.



* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* **CLOSING HYMN** "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"
Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Rise up, O saints of God!
His kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence;
Give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
arr. Douglas Wagner

* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.



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it's a family you belong to."*

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