

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. V. Labenske
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Call to Worship¹ James Aycock

Leader: If you would enter into the wilderness, do not begin without a blessing. Do not leave without hearing who you are: Beloved, named by the One who has traveled this path before you. Do not go without letting it echo in your ears, and if you find it is hard to let it into your heart, do not despair.

All: That is what this journey is for.

Invocation James Aycock

* Lenten Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. ANNE

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us, O Christ, to mourn our sins and close by You to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win,
O give us strength in You to fight, in You to conquer sin.*

*Abide with us, that through this life of dobuts and hope and pain,
An Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!*

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Psalter Reading *Psalms 119:8-11* James Aycock
(page 532 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

All: Lord, we remember the depths of your love for us, and we repent of our half-hearted discipleship. We have been called to deny ourselves: forgive us for putting self-interest before the interests of your kingdom; forgive us that Christ's lordship in our hearts has been challenged by our ambition, our appetites, our desires, and our needs; forgive us for the times when self-interest hindered our care for others.

¹ *Circle of Grace* by Jan Richardson, pg. 96

Leader: Lord have mercy,

All: Christ have mercy.

Lord, we have been called to carry a cross; forgive us for complaining when it has weighed heavily upon us; forgive us that, having received so much, we have sacrificed little; forgive us for the limits we have set to Christian love; forgive us that we have settled for mediocrity, resisting the fire and passion of Christ's love upon the cross.

Leader: Christ have mercy,

All: Lord have mercy.

Choral Response *Ubi Caritas* TAIZE COMMUNITY
The Sanctuary Choir

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Offertory *Temples Not Made with Hands* Jan Reese
The Sanctuary Choir

* Congregational Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

John 2:13-22
(pages 919-920 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Trouble in the Temple

Musical Meditation *Take My Life and Let It Be* arr. V. Labenske
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Communion Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel and Rev. Holly Hatton

Leader: God has made us a people,

All: We have been shaped by God's will.

Leader: Jesus calls us together,

All: We meet in Jesus' name.

Leader: The Spirit binds us together,

All: And leads us into truth.

Prayers of the People Rev. Ray Hatton

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ray Hatton

**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. Amen.**

* Congregational Response 252 *Gloria Patri* 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, Amen.*

* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Response 387 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

The Welcoming of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

* Commission and Blessing James Aycock

Leader: Do not leave without hearing who you are:

All: Beloved. Beloved. Beloved.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Postlude *Fanfare* Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

Aaron Foster, *organist*

An offering will be received at the doors for our Benevolence Fund.