

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 11, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fugue

Arthur Honegger
(1892-1955)

INTROIT

Richard Farrant
(1530-1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
thy tender mercies
and thy loving kindness,
which hath been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
but according to thy mercy
think thou on me, O Lord,
for thy goodness.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Minister: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

***HYMN 483**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin; for I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Hide your face from my sin, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence or take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

KYRIE ELEISON

Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is marked 'Cantor' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'. The second staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is marked 'Cantor' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

***GLORIA PATRI**

ST. ANNE
(Hymn 210)

To him who sits upon the throne,
the God whom we adore,
and to the Lamb that once was slain,
be glory evermore.

Isaac Watts
(1674-1748)

***THE PEACE**

Minister: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, let your Word brood in us, lively and full of grace, tender and fraught with healing, steadfast and swift with hope, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who came that we may not perish but have eternal life. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10 (p. 192)

PSALTER

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

PLAINSONG

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;
they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them
and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21 (p. 94)

CHURCH SCHOOL ANTHEM

Spiritual, arr. Hal Hopson
(b. 1933)

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him,
He had to walk it by himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.

Jesus bore the cross of sorrow,
He had to bear it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could bear it for him,
He had to bear it by himself.
We must take our cross and follow;
Yes, we must follow by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can follow for us,
We have to follow by ourselves.

SERMON

Even When We Were Dead

Ms. Jarvis

*“But God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us,
even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together
with Christ—by grace you have been saved....”*

Ephesians 2:4-5

*HYMN 370

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you,
People: And with your spirit.
Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,
People: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayers concluding with 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.

*HYMN 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

*Congregation standing

LEADING WORSHIP: Cynthia A. Jarvis, Brian D. Russo, Austin Crenshaw Shelley, and Cassie Paulk; **MUSIC:** Gallery Choir; Daniel Spratlan, Conductor; and Ken Lovett, Organist

GREETERS: Elders: Martha Agate and Daniel Pretz; Deacons: Carole Ashmead and Lisa Butler

USHERS: Michael Baughman, Team #2 Leader; Jim Burns, Jason Jones, Marcia Jones, and Barbara Olson

FLOWER GUILD: Diane Cornely, Linda Pettingill and Alison Rudolf

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Henry Miller Fahrig
by Page Pendse.*