Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023 10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Were You There/Beneath the Cross of Jesus arr. by Dean B. McIntyre

WELCOME

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 117 (responsively) Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

SALUTATION

*+Hymn Preparation 134

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights (vs. 1-5) Tune: TALLIS CANON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. (The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor.

And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen. —Feasting on the Word

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

*HYMN 755 Speak, O Lord (vs. 1 & 2) Tune: SPEAK, O LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 4:14-16 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** p. 220

SERMON "On Our Side"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

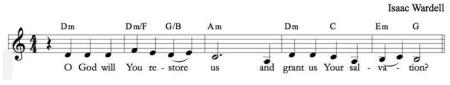
The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(see right panel)* Be Still, My Soul Tune: FINLANDIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING OFFERTORY At the Name of Jesus Ralph Vaughan Williams At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the Angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders, in their great array. Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last; brought it back victorious when from death he passed. Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his Angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now. -Caroline M. Noel *DOXOLOGY 965 Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE& THE LORD'S PRAYER

... O God in your mercy



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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 Dedication 936 | Sent Forth by God's Blessing |
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| | Tune: ASH GROVE |

*BENEDICTION

Postlude

Towards the Mountains I Lifted My Eyes

Gaël Liardon

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, liturgist; Carillon Choir; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

Today

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura McMullen, Willis Weymon, Bruce Bassett

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Joyce Magee and Phil Coray will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

EDUCATION HOUR, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

| nursery care availa | ble | | |
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| Preschool-First G | rade room 2 | Second-Fifth Grade | room 1 |
| 6th-8th grades | room 11 | Senior High | Youth Room |

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:15-12:15

Mosaic: "RCA Mission" led by Stephanie Soderstrom and Kelli Gilmore. This class meets in the sanctuary. Next week: "Approaching the Bible with Artist's Eyes" led by Bryant Russ.

"The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything" meets in the chapel. Class led by George Hunsberger.

EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL): Les invitamos a las 11:30 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus

familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO** (SPANISH GATHERING) We invite you to join us at 11:30 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you! English translation via headset is available.

The Week Ahead

Sunday 8:45 a.m. Kamerkoor 11:15 a.m. Education Hour 11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Monday 7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Nominations Team Wednesday 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom) 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom) 5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner LIFT Classes 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study Thursday 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints Friday 10:00 a.m. Pickle Ball 10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study at Freedom Village Facilities Team 10:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (in Spanish)

Congregational News

Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to MaryAlice and Bob Ritsema in the death of MaryAlice's sister, Revell Rayne, on March 12, in Tucson, AZ.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Maple Woods-Beth DuMez, Dennis DeWitt; The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Esther DePree, Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Herb Pollock. Missionaries-John & Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia), Angel Lopez (Mexico). MICRO-PANTRY NEEDS: Thank you for your continued support of the Micro-Pantry! We are either out of or very low on the following items: cereal, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned meats, canned tomatoes, canned baked beans, canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, rice, noodles.

We are coming up on traditional spring cleaning time, and one area we could all "dust off" and clean up is our contact information in ShelbyNext. We want to make sure our church directory is up to date. Please take some time and look at the directory and make sure all of your contact information, birth dates, anniversary dates, etc. are correct. This would also be a good time to update your individual and family pictures too. If there is incorrect information please inform Kristen in the church office so that the directory can be updated. If you need assistance accessing the directory please contact Kristen in the church office.

DISHES NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL: Please sign up by following the link in the Third Church News or calling the church office, to bring either Soup, Salad, or Bread for our Maundy Thursday meal on Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m.

ORDER EASTER LILIES Sunday, April 2 is the last day to order lilies. Place your order in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

No. of plants_____ \$8.25 each Total enclosed_____

In memory/honor of _____

Given by_____

Each person is responsible for picking up their own lily, taking it with them and/or delivering it to a shut-in.



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