

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016



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Sunday, February 28, 2016

9:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE: Healer of Our Every Ill Marty Haugen, setting Keith Honore

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: "The heavens declare the glory of God: the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

People: Day after day they pour forth speech: night after night they display knowledge.

There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard."

(from Psalm 19:1-3)

*HYMN 4 Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicea

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of all mercy, give us grace to make a fresh start today. We know that we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

As we hope to be forgiven, teach us also to forgive; and lead us forward to a new life where neither grudges nor resentment have a part: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Esther 4: 1,5-16

SPECIAL MUSIC: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Sojourner, arr. Nancy Raabe

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 1: 17-19

*HYMN 86 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

SERMON: "WHEN OPPORTUNITY COMES BUT ONCE" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN 357

We Call Ourselves Disciples (verses 1, 4, 5)

Lancashire

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Amazing Grace New Britain, setting David McHerwien

THE DOXOLOGY

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

CALL TO PRAYER AND THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using trespasses)

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 and ever. Amen.

* HYMN 725

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us, and upon all our work and worship done in His name. May He give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us, now and evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Grosser Gott, arr. Donald Busarow

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

ALLOW THIS EXPERIENCE OF WORSHIP to be for you spiritually uplifting and encouraging. The Season of Lent is an invitation to be grateful for all the blessings God pours upon us, not least the daily friendship of Jesus Christ who sacrificed so much for us.

PLEASE JOIN US for a light reception in the church lounge after worship. Many thanks again to those who have prepared it. Guests and visitors are also invited to sign our guest book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

MISSION NEWS: At our last Board Meeting, the following contributions were unanimously approved: \$2000 to Hopewell Cancer Support, \$500 each to CASA (City and County), \$1000 to The Foundation Fighting Blindness, and \$1000 to the Emergency Relief Fund of the Maryland National Guard.

OUR MISSION AND DREAM TEAM is planning a fascinating visit to a few of Baltimore's historic and beautiful churches. A sign up sheet will be found on the lounge piano, along with information. The date is Tuesday, March 15. The bus will leave our church at 9:30 a.m. Bus and lunch cost will be \$40.

EXCELLENT AND RESPONSIBLE CHILD CARE is available every Sunday morning from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Spread the word!

ORDERS FOR EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS. Everyone is invited to participate and contribute to our 2016 Easter celebration. Forms are on the lounge piano. Checks please to First Christian Church.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are shared at this time with the family and friends of Juliette Holmes Carter who died on February 10, 2016. Although Juliette lived in Granite, Maryland, her heart was very much in St. Andrew's. Her funeral service took place on February 17, 2016.

PASTORAL CARE is high on our list of priorities. So please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, at any time, either for yourself or someone you know. Best contact number is 410-893-9470.

Thought for the Week Ahead:

Taking God seriously means taking Him at His word and giving Him the chance to act the way He said He will act.

–Helmut Thielicke–