

MARCH 7th, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: God has given us the Law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life.

People: God also gives us the Holy Spirit so that we can be born again as God's children.

Pastor: Christ has given us his light and truth, and we depend on that to guide us when human wisdom fails us and we lose our way.

People: As Jesus cleared the Temple of things that debased that sacred and holy place, may he also clear our hearts of the sins that debase us so we may become living temples of God's presence and love.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

HYMN #10 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

God of justice and righteousness, please bless us with your presence during this time of worship. As we move deeper into the season of Lent, deliver us from anything that would make us complacent about our lives and the world in which we live. Drive out our selfish desires, and replace them with the fundamental desire to love you with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves. Startle us with your holy zeal, and keep us from turning your holy spaces into improper marketplaces. May we always be led by the Commandments you gave to Moses on the mountain, and by the life of Christ, who faithfully walked the path of obedience all the way to the cross. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Savior, who taught us this prayer:

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:1-17 and John 2:13-22

SERMON MESSAGE: *A Witness to the Chaos* Rev. Gagnon

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Prayer Requests
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Almighty God, with grateful hearts we share with you a portion of the wealth you have entrusted to us, so it can be distributed where it is most needed. May our offerings help this church grow in numbers and spiritual wisdom, and increase our ability to carry on Christ's ministry in our community and beyond. Consecrate these offerings, we pray, and use them to bring to your house the holiness and righteousness that Jesus was zealous about and so fiercely advocated for. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Hymn of Preparation #311 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread and Cup

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Lord, thank you for the nourishment you have given us through your sacred gift of the Bread of Life and the Cup of salvation. Having partaken of the sacramental meal, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and strengthen us through this food from heaven. Enable us to serve you more faithfully and to live more devotedly as citizens of your Kingdom, always guided by Jesus' way of sacrificial love. We ask this in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN #304 *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Today we have encountered Christ our Savior, and our lives are being overturned.

People: Jesus has burst into the temple of our hearts and is calling us to keep our Heavenly Father's house holy.

Pastor: May the risen Christ drive out the sin that has power over us and replace it with the power of God's love that death cannot destroy.

People: And may we keep the spirit of the commandments given to us through Moses, and be guided by them to a closer, more faithful relationship with the Lord.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL