

Service of Worship
Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

10:30 AM

Augustine of Hippo, Confessions, 5th century

"You have made us for yourself, O God, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you."

Mahatma Gandhi, 20th century

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed."

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Minor* Bach

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

①
Come, come, who - ev - er you are, wan - der - er,
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wor - ship - er, lov - er of leav - ing. Ours is no car - a - van
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④
of de - spair. Come, yet a - gain come.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

(allusions from Psalm 63 and Isaiah 55)

One: Come into the sanctuary and look around.
Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.
All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed
and desperately hanging on.

All: **Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.**

One: We believe God's steadfast love is better than life,
so let our lips praise God as long as we live.

All: **We also often doubt God's love.**
We often doubt that God will really provide when it matters.

One: But this is what matters today:
God said, "Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat." All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed and desperately hanging on.

All: **So with faith – both bold and timid – let us worship God!**

***HYMN # 259**

Spirit of the Living God

***OPENING PRAYER** *(Let us pray together . . .)*

O God, we are used to being judged by standards we cannot live up to – good looks and perfect families and money for whatever we want. We know these are false values, but we also want to fit in. Let our hearts be changed in our hour of worship. Teach us, inspire us, convict us that your ways are better than our ways and your thoughts are more useful than our thoughts. By the example of Christ's life we pray. Amen.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

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LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 55:1-9 OT page 685

GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9 NT page 76

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through second grade may go to the nursery.)

***HYMN # 195** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Musical Introduction (*Hymnal page 305*)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The Lord's Prayer (*in 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, forever. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

Choral Anthem

It is Well With My Soul

Arr. John Ness Beck

***Doxology** (*page 48 in hymnal*) *tune: TALLIS' CANON*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*let us pray together . . .*)

**Generous God, we have received from you more than
our share of blessings. We thank you. Now increase
and multiply our gifts that others may feast of your
goodness through our witness. Amen**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 536**

When We Are Living

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Minor

Bach

NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Bonnie Haaland

Acolyte
Maddie Dermott,
Justin Dermott

Flowers

Nursery Volunteers
Sue Urban,
Marissa Urban

Coffee Hour
Gwen Hayne & Nita Baldwin

Attendance
February 21 - 68

Our giving through 2/7/16
Operating - \$7,605.50
Programs & Missions - \$235

Life in the Parish Week of February 28

TODAY – February 28

9:15 am – The Well
10:30 am – Worship service
12:00 pm – Church Council meets

MONDAY – February 29

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets in
Russell Fellowship Room

TUESDAY – March 1

2:00 pm – Bridge Group meets
7:00 pm – Homer Brass
rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – March 2

6:15 pm – Lenten worship with
Communion
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – March 2

12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

SUNDAY – March 6

9:15 am – Deacon training and
The Well meets
10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 am – Christian Education
Ministry Committee meets

Prayer Chains - During Lent, the youth group has colored strips of paper in the pews for the congregation to write prayers on. Then, on Maundy Thursday during our sleepover, we will read the prayers and make it into a prayer chain to hang in the sanctuary on Easter.

The **Youth Group Games Tournament**, scheduled for today has been postponed until April. Date to be announced.

Join us during this Lenten Season for a brief gathering in the sanctuary each **Wednesday evening from 6:15 – 6:45 pm** (March 2, 9, 16) for quiet reflection, simple music and Holy Communion. Together we can deepen our community, renew our faith and strengthen our hope.

Join our two **Dream Team (brainstorming) gatherings**.

Saturday morning, **March 19**, 10:00 – 11:30

Session focus:

We are seeking to be a community caring for each other.
(Belinda Burtner, convener)

We are seeking to be a community growing in our faith.
(Gary Harrington, convener)

Sunday, **March 20**, 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Session focus:

We are seeking to be a community participating in outreach.
(Bonnie Smith, convener)

We are seeking to be a community maximizing our resources.
(Jim McKenna, convener)

Being guided by the findings of the Transition Team Report regarding our current Congregational and Community Assessment, we will develop specific and realistic goals for the accomplishment of the above four pursuits. Some goals may be completed immediately, some within the next year, some within the next three years. All welcome.