

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
March 19, 2017
"Third Sunday In Lent"

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

O come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to God's voice!

*HYMN "Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty" 482

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy One, you are our refuge and our strength, yet we do not make use of the gifts you send us. You give us Jesus, the Word of life in our midst. We confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit to be a source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance, for we do not respond. Forgive our sin, and help us through Christ to drink from your wells of salvation.

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Minister

*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING John 4:5-15

HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" 404

SECOND READING John 4:16-30, 39-42

SERMON "Trail Blazing" Rev. Janell Blair

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967

We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared human needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. In giving himself for them, he took upon himself the judgement under which all people stand convicted. We believe that God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

* HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 281

POSTLUDE

**Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand*

- Welcome:** To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!
- Announcements:** During Lent, our congregation will join with First United Methodist and Wesley United Methodist churches for Brown Bag Luncheons each Tuesday at Noon. We will alternate hosting congregations and pastors will take turns leading a Lenten devotional. We will conclude each day by 1:00pm. If your schedule allows, please join in this opportunity for worship and fellowship with our fellow Christians!
- This week our Lenten Luncheon will take place at Wesley United Methodist Church. Those who do not enjoy stairs are encouraged to park in the back.
- Birthdays:** No birthdays this week.
- Anniversaries:** No anniversaries this week.
- Flowers:** Flowers were purchased this week by Julia Kasch in honor of Steve Kasch's birthday.
- Refreshments:** Don Thompson, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.
- Newsletter:** Deadline to submit articles and information for April newsletter is **March 24, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

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Pianist: Marilyn Pearce

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing
 10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule **Session** – Session meeting – April 23, 2017
 10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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