

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018



Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle

Morgan Hall

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

Choral Introit

John R. Paradowski

Tunaomba Mungu Atawale

Combined Youth and Children's Choirs

Jamell Strickland *directing*, Sally Alexander *accompanying*

Christopher Lyle, Garrison Trotter, Roxana Johnson *percussion*

We pray that our God may be praised here forever.

May we find strength in God's mercy and love.

We thank our Creator (Mungu), Redeemer (Yesu), Sustainer (Roho);

Sing out our song to all people everywhere.

†Hymn of Praise 130

AZMON

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Stanza one, three, five: everyone

Stanza two: women and children

Stanza four: men

Silence

Call to Prayer

Dr. Steve Pressley

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice

If I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

(continued)

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

During the Lenten Season we will gather under the cross for prayer.
As you are able please turn and move toward the cross during
the prayer song *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.

†Singing

HAMBURG

When I sur - vey the wond - rous cross on which the
Prince of Glo - ry died. My rich - est gain I
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.

†Prayers at the Cross

Dr. Pressley

Upon returning to the pew we will remain standing and sing the following verse:

†Singing

HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of na - ture mine; that were a pres - ent
far too small. Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine
de - mands my soul, my life, my all. A - men!

†Words of Friendship

Sarah Parker, Interim Youth Minister

As we greet one another children may gather with Christina on the platform steps.

A Time for Children

Christina McCord

After the children's message, children, ages four through first grade may attend Junior Church and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

Opening of God's Word

Andrew Pettit

Scripture Lesson

John 3.14-21

Sarah Parker

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Practicing Our Faith | Forgiveness

†Hymn 473

SAGINA

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

Musical Interlude

Introduction of Associate Pastor: Youth and Families

April Eller, Search Committee

Faith Story

Rev. Chris Cherry

Offertory Prayer

Anita Philpott, deacon

Musical Offering

Amazing Grace
Baker Lawrimore, *organ*

Philip Gehring

Called Business Session

Dr. Scott Culclasure, moderator

†Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the Words of Friendship we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a Connection Card in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. Ministers will also be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.

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