The Worship of God

 February 3, 2019

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or as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west,

so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

 —Psalm 103.11-12

 Gathering At God’s Invitation

Music for Gathering Marietta Mobley *piano*

Lighting the Christ Candle Harrison Rose

Opening Sentences Rev. Alan Sherouse

Ministry of Music *Steve Potts*

 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Instrumental Ensemble, Keith Burroughs *director*

†Responsive Psalm 103 Terri Vancil

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all God’s benefits—**

who forgives all your sins

**and heals all your diseases;**

who redeems your life from the grave

and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

**who satisfies your desires with good things**

**so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.**

O Lord, you provide vindication and justice

for all who are oppressed. You made known your ways to Moses

and your works to the children of Israel.

**Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,**

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love**;

you will not always accuse us,

nor will you keep your anger forever.

**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,**

**nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**As far as the east is from the west,**

**so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,

so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

**Bless the Lord, all you works of God,**

**in all places where God rules; bless the Lord, O my soul.**

 Psalm 103.1-13, 22 (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

†Hymn of Praise 25 *Andrews*

 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

†Words of Friendship Rev. Amy Grizzle Kane

A Time for Children Christina McCord

Musical Interlude

During the Musical Interlude, children, ages four through first grade,

may attend **Junior** **Church** and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

Prayers of God’s People Rev. Sherouse

The Lord’s Prayer *Albert Hay Malotte*



 Text: Matthew 6.91-13 KJV; Music: Albert Hay Malotte, 1935

Opening of God’s Word William Bolton

 Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Lesson Rev. Sherouse

 Matthew 28.19-20, II Corinthians 13.11-13

Sermon Dr. Molly Marshall

The Church as Icon of the Trinity

Responding to God’s Word

†Hymn of Response 782 *Divernon*

 *Come, Share the Lord*

The Lord’s Supper Rev. Kane

 David Worsley *deacon chair*

Offertory Prayer Brad Wall, deacon

Offertory Hymn *Dennis*

***A parting hymn we sing around your table, Lord;***

***again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows record.***

***Now we have seen your face, and felt your presence here;***

***So may the savor of your grace in word and life appear.***

***The purchase of your blood, by sin no longer led,***

***the path our dear Redeemer trod may we rejoicing tread.***

***In self-forgetting love be our communion shown,***

***until we join the Church above, and know as we are known.***

***Amen.*** —Aaron R. Wolfe, 1821-1902

 Sending Into God’s World

†Benediction Dr. Marshall