

**3rd Sunday in Lent      March 15th, 2020      11:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

\*Those who are able are encouraged to stand.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**                      “The American Ideal”                      Janet McMahan and Ted Wilson  
Illuminate and Lamplighters Choirs

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**                      Psalm 95                      from The Message Translation  
Come, let’s shout praises to GOD, raise the roof for the Rock who saved us!  
**Let’s march into his presence singing praises, lifting the rafters with our hymns!**  
And why?  
**Because GOD is the best, High King over all the gods.**  
In one hand he holds deep caves and caverns, in the other hand grasps the high mountains.  
**He made Ocean—he owns it! His hands sculpted Earth!**  
Drop everything and listen, listen as he speaks: “Don’t turn a deaf ear!”  
**Can’t we keep our minds on God for five minutes?**  
**Do we simply refuse to walk down God’ road??**  
We’ll never get where we’re headed, never be able to sit down and rest.  
**Until we find our rest in God.**

**\*HYMN #457**                      “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)  
Loving Source of our being, you have loved us with an everlasting love—you gave us your only eternal Son as a sacrifice for our sin, and set us your Holy Spirit to shed abroad your love within us, and to empower us to love even as we have been loved. Yet we have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for the ingratitude that causes us to take your love for granted, even as we forgive those who have offended us. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit of love, that we may love as you have loved us, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
(A time for silent and personal prayer...)

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
**grant us peace.**  
May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579**                      “Gloria Patri”

**ANTHEM**                      “I Am His Child”                      Moses Hogan  
Chancel Choir

**A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS . . .**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMNET LESSON**                      Psalm 95                      O.T. Pg. 550  
**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**                      1 John 4:7-21                      N.T. Pg. 241

**SERMON**                      “Loved and Loving”                      Pastor Robbie Carnes

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #316**                      “Breathe on Me Breath of God”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Heidelberg Catechism**

Q. 35. What is the meaning of: “Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary”?  
**A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon himself our true manhood from the flesh and blood of the Virgin Mary through the action of the Holy Spirit, so that he might be the true seed of David, like his fellow humans in all things, except for sin.**

Q. 36. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?  
**A. That this is our Mediator, and that, in God’s sight, he covers over with his innocence and perfect holiness the sinfulness in which I have been conceived.**

**OFFERING** *Prayer Request Cards can be placed in the collection plate at this time*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN #339** "Be Thou My Vision"

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Let us go now, to meet all thirsting for God.

**We will share the living water with everyone we meet.**

Let us go now, to listen as Jesus does with us.

**With our loving presence may we quench parched throats  
and allow voices unheard to rise up in praise.**

Let us go now, to bring the Spirit's wholeness to others.

**We will bring peace and healing to the broken and lonely,  
even as Jesus offers us all hope and grace.**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today:**

**Lay Reader:** Ushers: Team 6      **Banker:** Larry Zimbler

**Acolytes:** Madeline Davis & Jenn Wenzel      **Sound Tech:** Mark Gibb

**Coffee Hour:** Orange Team

**Sunday School:** 11am Pre-K & K (T) Heidi Howieson & (N) Lindsey MacLean  
1st-5th (T) Sherry Rourke & Jeanne Cupp

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