



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP**- Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24

Liturgist: Sharon Bryant

Leader: Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

**People: Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**

Leader: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

**People: God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

### \*HYMN #531

*1 O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee.  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.*

*2 O Light that follows all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee.  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

### \*HYMN# 477

*1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward,  
to that glorious rest above.*

*2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his praise from shore to shore;*

### *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

*3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee.  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.*

*4 O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee.  
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red,  
life that shall endless be.*

### *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

*He who loves us ever loves us,  
changes never, nevermore;  
he who died to save his loved ones,  
intercedes for them above;  
he, who called them his own people,  
watches over them in love..*

*3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of every love the best:  
Vast the ocean of his blessing,  
sweet the haven of his rest!*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
for my heaven of heavens is he;*

*this my everlasting glory  
Jesus' mighty love for me!*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

*{A time for silent confession and prayer}*

**In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostle's Creed**

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Karey Garrison

**ANTHEM**

Go To Dark Gethsemane

Austin C. Lovelace

**WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SCRIPTURE:**

Mark 12: 28- 34

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

***People: Thanks be to God***

**SERMON:**

***"Resetting Love"***

**Reset: Back to the Basics of Following Jesus**

*And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him,*

*"You are not far from the kingdom of God." — Mark 12:34*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution**

## Partaking of the Communion Elements Closing

### \*CLOSING HYMN #743

1 *Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with loving zeal:  
the poor and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow worn,  
for Christ to heal.*

2 *Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with fervent prayer:  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost  
from dark despair.*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

### *Christ for the World We Sing*

3 *Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with one accord:  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.*

4 *Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with joyful song:  
the newborn souls whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.*