

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

MARCH 12th THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Liturgist: Debbie Anderson

* *Worshippers who are able please stand.*

Theme: We should hate evil and love the Lord.

Gathering Music Elizabeth Albritton, piano

Prelude *Pie Jesu* Gabriel Fauré

Chiming the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

* **Call to Worship** - Psalm 97:10-12

Hate evil, you who love the LORD, who preserves the souls of His godly ones;

He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown like seed for the righteous

And gladness for the upright in heart.

Be glad in the LORD, you righteous ones,

And give thanks to His holy name.

* **Procession of God's Word and Hymn of Praise #257**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

* **Prayer of Adoration**

Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer

(using the word "sins" / "those who sin against us")

Matthew Coleman

Anthem

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

Thomas A. Dorsey

(Refrain) Precious Lord take my hand, lead me on, let me stand.

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Thru the storm, thru the night,

lead me on to the light. Take my hand Precious Lord - lead me home.

When my way grows drear Precious Lord linger near; when my life is almost gone. Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall, Take my hand Precious Lord, lead me home. *(Refrain)*

When the darkness appears and the night draws near and the day is past and gone. At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand, take my hand Precious Lord, lead me home. *(Refrain)*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 139:19-24

Pew Bible page 975
New Pew Bible page 506

Confession of Sin

Righteous God, we confess that we have been slow to love what You call us to love, and slow to hate what You call us to hate. We have tolerated sin in our own lives. We have looked the other way when wickedness came. We have shrunk back when confronted with evil. Forgive us God, and give us new zeal to fight evil with a new strength born from a fresh love of Jesus. Amen.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-17

Pew Bible page 1824
New Pew Bible page 950

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Trust in the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised!

* **Lenten Response**

tune: ST. AGNES
arr. C. Williams

O Lamb of God



O Lamb of God, you take a - way
the sins of the world; have mer - cy
on us Lamb of God, and grant to us your peace.

* **Psalm Sing**

Psalm 97:1-6

WOODWORTH

(Tune found at Hymn #354; *Just As I Am*)

1. The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad!
Let distant shores express delight!
Thick clouds and darkness cover him;
his throne is built on truth and right.
2. Fire goes before him and consumes
his enemies on ev'ry side.
His lightning flashes light the world,
and all the earth is terrified.
3. Hills melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.
The heav'ns proclaim his righteousness;
all peoples see his glorious worth.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Judges 15:1-20

Rev. John R. Pflug Jr.

Prayer for Application

* **Saying What We Believe** – Apostle's Creed

* **Offertory Hymn #255**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

* **Offertory Prayer**

* **Benediction and Dismissal** - Hymn #716 (verse 1)

God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again,
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Amen.

GOD BE WITH YOU

* **Chimes of the Trinity**



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Candace Williams, Music Director, Organist

