

Prior to the beginning of the service, a period of quiet in the sanctuary is encouraged. Music is offered which is intended to lead the congregation into a spirit of worship reflected in the theme of the day.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

MARCH 19th THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Liturgist: Bert Smith

* *Worshipers who are able please stand.*

Theme: Continually devoting ourselves to Jesus
will guard us from losing our love for Him.

Gathering Music Cindy Horrell Moore, piano

Prelude *Christ lag in Todesbanden* Samuel Scheidt
(Christ lay in death's bands) (1587-1654)

Chiming the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

* **Call to Worship - Psalm 37:3-6**

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.

People: Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it.

People: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light and your judgments as the noonday.

* **Procession of God's Word and Hymn of Praise #277** MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

* **Prayer of Adoration**

Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer Matthew Coleman
(using the word "sins" / "those who sin against us")

Anthem *Via Dolorosa* Borop and Sprague
(see insert) arr. Tom Fettke

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading 1 Samuel 4:10-22 Pew Bible page 424
New Pew Bible page 216

Confession of Sin

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Second Reading Revelation 2:1-7; 3:14-22 Pew Bible page 1914 & 1917
New Pew Bible page 991 & 993

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Lenten Response. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with a common rest at the beginning. The lyrics 'O Lamb of God, you take a - way' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'the sins of the world; have mer - cy'. The third staff concludes the melody with the lyrics 'on us Lamb of God, and grant to us your peace.' The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes) and rests.

* **Psalm Sing** *Psalm 8:3-9* ST. ANNE
(Tune found at Hymn #84; O God, Our Help in Ages Past)

1. When I look up and see the moon
And stars in heaven above,
Lord, why should you remember us
And visit us in love?

2. Yet you have made us only less
 Than angels, and you crown
 Our lives with glory, give us rule
 To earth's remotest bound.

3. All sheep and oxen, beasts and birds,
 We rule in your great Name;
 O Lord our God, in all the world
 Your glory we acclaim.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Judges 16:1-22 Rev. John R. Pflug Jr.

Prayer for Application

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

* **Offertory Hymn #457** I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

* **Offertory Prayer**

* **Benediction and Dismissal** - Hymn #716 (verse 1) GOD BE WITH YOU
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.

* **Chimes of the Trinity**



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10:00 A.M.

Rev. John R. Pflug Jr., Minister
 Candace Williams, Music Director, Organist

Anthem*Via Dolorosa*Borop and Sprague
arr. Tom Fettke

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day, the soldiers tried to clear the narrow street; but the crowd pressed in to see the man condemned to die on Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon His back, and He wore a crown of thorns upon His head; and He bare with ev'ry step the scorn of those who cried out for His death.

Down the Via Dolorosa, called "The Way of Suffering," like a lamb, came the Messiah, Christ the King; and He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me, down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.

The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men made its way through the heart of Jerusalem! Down the Via Dolorosa, called "The Way of Suffering," like a lamb, came the Messiah, Christ the King. Down the Via Dolorosa, called "The Way of Suffering," like a lamb, came the Messiah, Christ the King; and He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me, down the Via Dolorosa all the way to Calvary ...

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