

*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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

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 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

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arr. Tom Fettke

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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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