

Wednesday Lenten Service ~ April 6, 2022

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Pastor

Randy Sohn
Organist

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Meditative Music

Bells Ring Prelude

Gathering for Worship:

Lead Me to Calvary

Call to Worship (responsively):

L: Let us worship the Lord—not just with our voices, but also with our entire being.

P: We gather to worship the One who is highly exalted and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.

L: Your presence demands our participation. Our worship is never wasteful.

P: Be gracious to us, O Lord. We are your servants; empty us for your use.

L: We are Christ's servants and may we be of the same mind.

P: We declare that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Praise be unto God!

Opening Prayer:

God has called us in righteousness and delivers us from our shame. God comforts and protects. In our worship of the Lord, we recall the hope and promise found in Christ. We remember God's healing and freeing us to walk in the light. And we give thanks to our Lord God. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: (#63 Hymnal)

Our God, Our Help

A Prayer of Submission:

We know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives,

and how we have not followed him when he leads us on this journey.

We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world.

We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed.

We trust in the slick promotions of the world,

and not in your words that can transform our lives.

Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us.

Help us to have the same mind as Christ,

so, we would know your promises;

Help us to have the same heart as Christ,

so, we might serve your children;

Help us to have the same Spirit as Christ,

so, we might go wherever you lead us.

Words of Assurance (together):

God hears our prayers and helps us. God lifts from us the burden of our guilt and offers us the peace of Jesus Christ. In our humility we are granted strength not known before. In obedience to God, we find true freedom. Now, let us shout out our hallelujahs and praises as we celebrate a good and just God.

Affirming our Faith Together:

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried:

He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Spirit: The One Holy Universal Christian Church: the communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.

St. James Choir:

Come to Jesus

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11

Message:

The One Who Comes

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Song of Assurance: (Insert: Pilgrim People #434)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Offering

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

Near the Cross

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (together):

Thank you, God, for your saving action in Jesus Christ, and for the ministries you have placed before us. May our offerings, our tithes, and our gifts fulfill your purpose and never betray your trust. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Sending Forth Song: (#272 Hymnal)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Benediction:

Carry with you into the world the mind of Christ, who set aside equality with God in humble obedience. Christ became a servant that we might know God's glory. Let us go forth now as servants – serving our Lord in all that we are, all that we know, and all that we do so others might know God's glory. *Amen.*

Postlude:

What Wondrous Love Is This

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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