



Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENTJennifer Larson

(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †

PRELUDERobert Lowry

Shall We Gather at the River

***CALL TO WORSHIP**Tommy Mills

Leader: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.
You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

**PEOPLE: OUR SOULS THIRST FOR GOD IN A DRY AND WEARY LAND.
WE SEEK GOD'S POWER AND GLORY IN THE SANCTUARY.**

Leader: Listen carefully to God and eat what is good;
delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.

**PEOPLE: HEAR OUR SOULS ARE SATISFIED AS WITH A RICH FEAST.
TOGETHER OUR MOUTHS PRAISE GOD WITH JOYFUL LIPS.**

Leader: God offers us steadfast love and a covenant relationship.
We are called to be faithful witnesses and leaders.

**UNISON: WE HAVE COME TO MEDITATE ON THE LIVING GOD.
WE SEEK INSPIRATION AND EMPOWERMENT TO DO WHAT GOD ASKS.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRISTAnthony Martinez

***WORSHIP HYMN**(see screen)

Open the Eyes of My Heart

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

We come before You, gracious God, seeking what money cannot buy. Only You can provide nourishment for our souls. There is no other source of meaning in our mixed-up world. We can find no fountain of strength or sustenance apart from You. Surely, You can be found where two or three are gathered together. As a community of faith, we call on You, believing that You are nearer than our next breath, more available to us than we can think, more caring than we ever dare to imagine. Uphold us now that we may worship in wings of joy. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**CH. 35

Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 598)Isaiah 55:1-9

ANTHEMSheldon Curry

The Wideness of God's Mercy

SECOND READING (pg. 848)Luke 13:1-9

MESSAGEPastor Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

OFFERTORYJohn Dykes

Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All that we present to You now, O God, we have received from Your hand. We give so the hungry may eat and the thirsty may receive pure water. We share to send the good news of Your Word to those who have not heard. We invest in just causes, that Your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all, we give because passing on Your gifts in generous response is necessary to life. Amen.

GIVE THANKSCH. 528

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMNCH. 426

The Voice of Jesus Calls His People

PRAYER FOR THE BREADLeo Gibbs

PRAYER FOR THE CUPJennifer Larson

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTSTim Marion

I Lift Up My Soul

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 352**

Spirit Song

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE.....Michael W. Smith**

Great is the Lord

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Jimmy Jarvis, Cindy Wallace, Allen Wallace, Wendy White



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



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The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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