



# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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

**PRELUDE**.....Lynn Baird  
*Come Into His Presence*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Alex Everett

Leader: A new day has dawned, God's gift to us;  
the fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

**PEOPLE: WE ARE A NEW CREATION IN JESUS CHRIST;  
THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY, THE NEW HAS COME.**

Leader: This is a day for forgiveness and reconciliation;  
celebrate God's love for the lost who are found.

**PEOPLE: THE GLAD CRIES OF DELIVERANCE SURROUND US;  
SHOUTS OF JOY ARISE FROM OUR HEARTS.**

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer up prayers;  
may all who are in Christ give thanks.

**UNISON: WE WILL BE GLAD AND JOIN THE DANCE OF LIFE;  
WITH THE UPRIGHT OF HEART, WE REJOICE AND SING.**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**.....Tommy Mills

**\*WORSHIP HYMN**.....(see screen)  
*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Welcoming God, we have gathered so that You may teach us the way we should go. In our times of distress and need, You have provided. When we have stubbornly followed our own plans, You have curbed our impulses. From our days of confusion and aimless wandering, You have rescued us and restored us to our true identify. Meet us now as we worship together to shape us into a righteous, reconciling people. 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. 940).....2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**ANTHEM**.....Keith Getty & Jonathan Rea  
*God of Grace*

**SECOND READING** (pg. 850).....Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

**MESSAGE**.....Pastor Mark E. Poindexter

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**MORNING PRAYER**

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY**.....Southern American Folk Hymn  
*Wayfaring Stranger*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Thank You, God, for proclaiming our worth when we do not value ourselves. Thank You for welcoming us to a celebration of life with so many precious gifts. Than You now for the privilege of sharing so others may be led to Your joyous embrace. Help us to be generous in gratitude for Your lavish provision for all our needs. Amen.

**GIVE THANKS**.....CH. 528  
*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**.....CH. 586  
*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD**.....Kathryn Bean

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP**.....Lois Pyles

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**.....George Bernard  
*The Old Rugged Cross*

*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. 638**

***In the Bulb There is a Flower***

*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.....Terry Coelho**

***Father, I Adore You***

**‡** Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth remain in church

**\*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!*



***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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