



March 15, 2020 – 10:30 am
Third Sunday of Lent

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A Prayer in a Pandemic

Eternal God, our help in times of confusion and danger, give us patience, compassion and wisdom to respond to the threat of Covid-19. Give us brotherly and sisterly concern for each other as we follow directives to protect ourselves and others from getting sick. May leaders be led by your wisdom, medical and other caregivers be protected from infection, the sick be comforted and all our fears blotted out by your loving kindness. Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love and give us forward-looking courage to act in loving and responsible ways.

Loving God, in good times and in times of danger, we trust your mercy, which never ends, and your power, which in Jesus Christ stilled storms, put down demonic powers and brought the sick to health. Bring health to the earth right now and guide us in the ways that we may participate in your healing powers. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song STF# 2068 *I Love You, Lord (verse 1)*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

Who are we, gathering in this place?

We are the followers of a mighty God and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why are we here?

To gather strength and support so that we can continue to journey according to your Way.

Where does this Way take us?

To the knowledge, in our heads and in our hearts, that death and desolation are not victorious—that God is in all and with all.

And how do we follow this Way?

By loving God, loving our neighbor and loving ourselves.

This is our Way. This is your Way.

Thanks be to God!

***Hymn GTG #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

***Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

Gracious God, we pray to ask you to save us from our sin.

Pray silently.

From neglecting truth and failing to notice beauty, and from going along with mean and ugly things:

O God, deliver us.

***Please stand if you are able.**

From cowardice that dares not face truth, laziness that keeps us from making necessary changes in our regular practices, and arrogance that thinks we know it all:

O God, deliver us.

From being dull or rude, and from putting down our neighbors; from cynicism about others and from intolerance or cruel indifference:

O God, deliver us.

From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world:

O God, deliver us.

For showing only token concern for the poor, lonely or loveless people:

O God, light of life, forgive us.

Silence.

***Declaration of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Alleluia and amen!

***Song of Rejoicing** *Sing for yourself as an individual:*

Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense.

And he will be my savior.

Sing for the church as a community:

Surely it is God who saves us, we will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense.

And he will be our savior.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor, saying, "Peace be with you."

Concerns of the Church

***Hymn GTG #215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

John 4:5-42

Sermon

Come and See

Special Music

Ah, Holy Jesus

Sam Schmeling

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer *(ecumenical version)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Offertory

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication GTG #607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Hymn GTG #835**

Just A Closer Walk with Thee

***Benediction**

***Sung Response GTG #656**

We've Come This Far by Faith

Postlude

Join us on the lower level for coffee fellowship after worship.

There is an elevator on your right as you leave the sanctuary.