

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *O Sacred Heart* Wilson
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The Call to Worship *Psalm 19:1-4*
How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what he has done! Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next. No speech or words are used, no sound is heard; yet their message goes out to all the world and is heard to the ends of the earth. God has marked us as beloved dust and called us together to worship.

The Hymn of Praise *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* 416
(verses 1&2)

The Call to Confession
Despite all that God has taught us, we still act foolishly, we are still weak. In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace. We confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength rather than our own.

The Prayer of Confession
O Christ who chased the money changers from the temple, chase the greed from our lives and our hearts. As you overturned the tables, O Lord, overturn the systems in our world that contribute to cycles of poverty and oppression. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we contribute to the world's brokenness.
Now we approach God in the silence of our hearts (Silence).
Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace in Christ name we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon
Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Gloria Patri 577
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Special Music *Trust and Obey* Sammis, Towner, & Maudlin
Deanna Patton, soloist CCLI# 7056336

The Word of God

The Time with the Children "All Stuffed Up" Peggy Knutson
The Old Testament Reading Exodus 20:1-17
The New Testament Reading John 2:13-22

The Sermon "In the Wrong Temple" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Ordination of Elders Rebecca LaLonde & Kristi Millar

The Affirmation of Faith (Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

The Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* 84
(verses 1&4)

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Interlude in G Major
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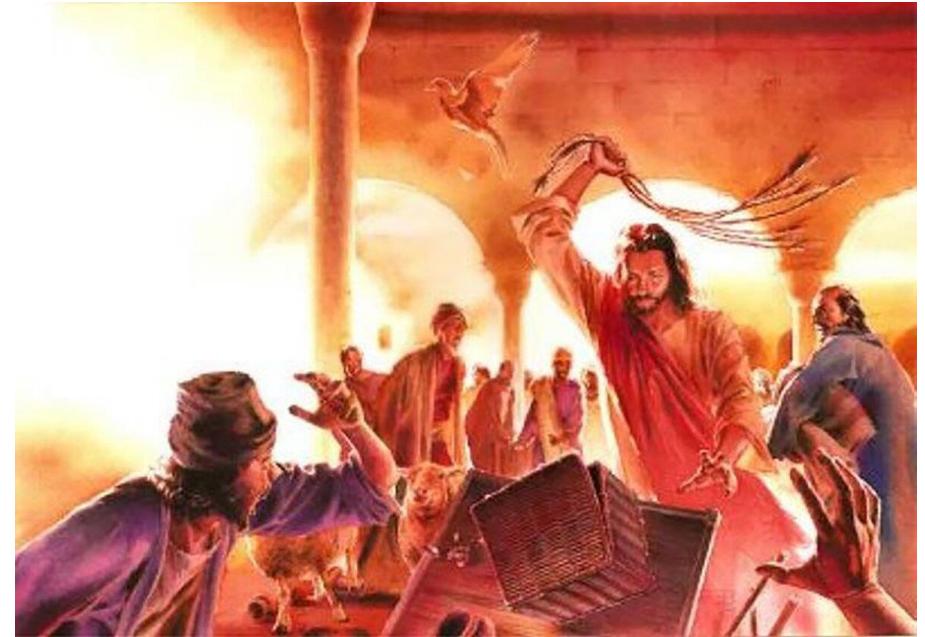
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416. Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted lovingkindness
Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

84. In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.