

WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2021 Eleven o'clock in the morning

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*Whoever YOU are and wherever YOU are on life's journey,
YOU are welcome here in this church!*

PRELUDE *The Old Rugged Cross*

arr. Herbert Colvin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 19)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

ALL: Firmaments proclaim God's handiwork!

One: Day to day pours forth speech

ALL: And night to night declares knowledge

One: Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts,
be acceptable to you

ALL: Our rock and our redeemer.

HYMN *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Below the staves, there are three lines of lyrics:

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new,

Flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
 Known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
 Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

We, your chil - dren, in your like-ness, share in - ven-tive powers with you;
 Probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined power,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise, each en-deav-or, well be - gun;

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.
 Fac - ing us with life's de - struc-tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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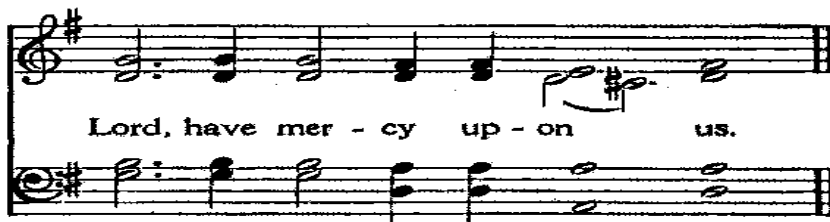
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

ALL: O God, you remind us that human wisdom is often heaven's foolishness. Forgive us when we put our faith in human ways and not your ways. Forgive us when we think might makes right, remind us that God's weakness is stronger than our strength. Forgive us and grant us the ability to lead lives based on your wisdom and your love. Amen.

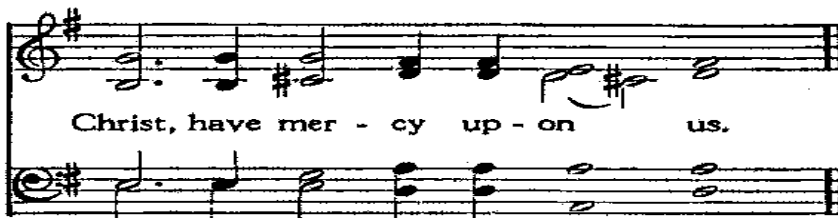
SILENT CONFESSION *(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent confession)*

KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

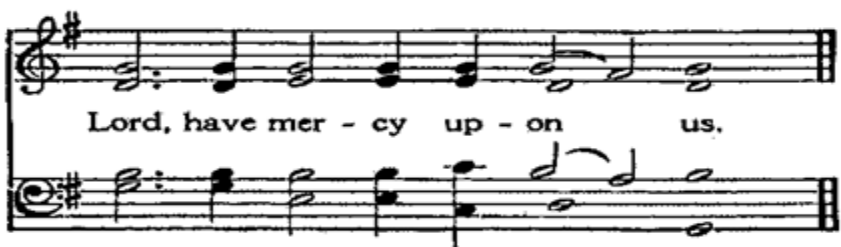
Lord, have mercy upon us.



Christ, have mercy upon us

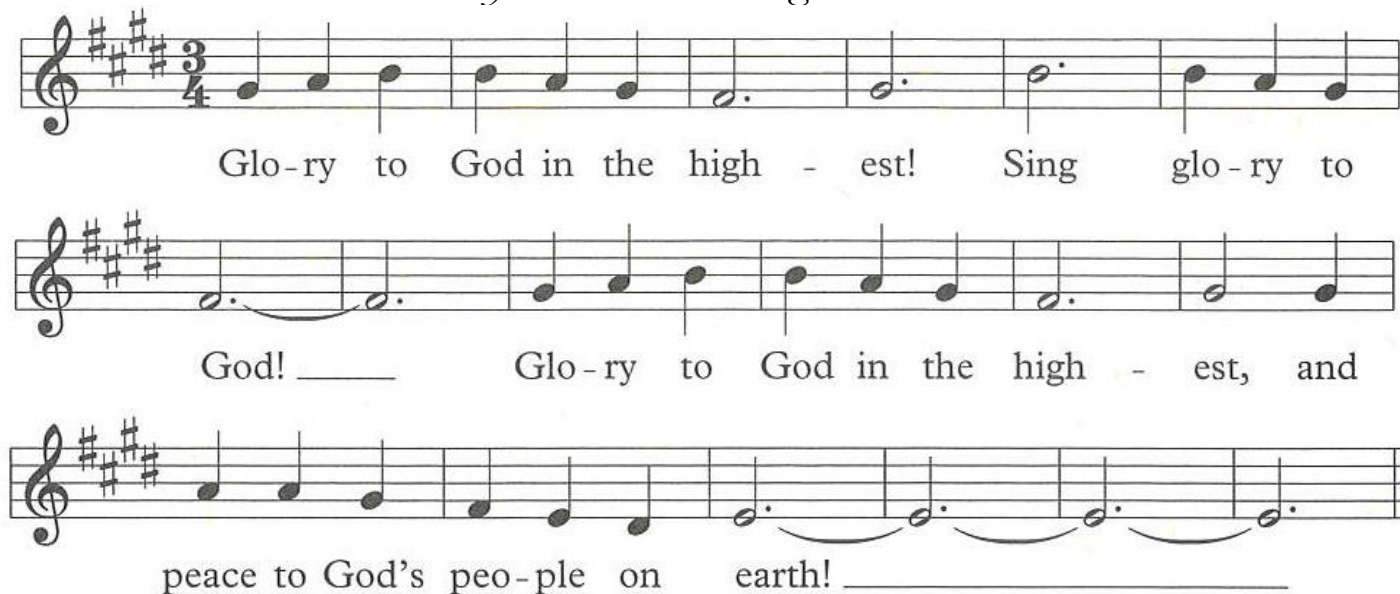


Lord, have mercy upon us



OUR ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

THE GLORIA PATRI *Glory to God in the Highest*



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HEBREW LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

In moderate time

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus Mine eye at times can see
 3. I take; O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing - place;



The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wear - y land;
 The ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of His face;



A home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,
 And from my smit - ten heart with tears Two won - ders I con - fess,
 Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,



From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And the bur - den of the day.
 The won - ders of His glo - rious love And my own worth - less - ness.
 My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all the cross. A - MEN.



GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:13-22

One: This is the word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The Inside Out-Upside Down Wisdom of God” Rev. Carol Hallman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: May the Spirit of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble clef staff for the soprano and a bass clef staff for the bass. The piano accompaniment is shown as a grand staff with both treble and bass clefs. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system also has two staves for voices and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The music is in a minor key and 4/4 time.

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INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Stan Pethel

BLESSING

COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Took the Bread*

Ruth Duck



1. Je-sus took the bread, dai - ly gift of God, ___
2. Je-sus blessed the bread, thanked the God of grace,
3. Je-sus broke the bread: then he poured the wine. ___
4. Je-sus gives the bread at our ta - ble still, ___

5 formed of wheat and sweat and toil, sun, rain, and sod.
thanked the One who made all worlds, all time, all space.
Bro - ken bod - y, life poured out, God gives as sign.
gives the cup to those who seek God's lov - ing will.

9 In our hands we take ___ gifts of bread and wine, ___
Bless - ing, hon - or, praise, ___ all to God be - long. ___
Weak, a - fraid, and lost: ___ that is when we're healed.
Let us go in peace; ___ let us free - ly give, ___

13 gath - ered from the fields of earth, signs of love di - vine.
Let us lift our hearts to God in a thank - ful song.
In our hu - man bro - ken - ness: there God is re - vealed.
shar - ing love with all the world dai - ly as we live.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

ALL: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

CALL TO SUPPER

SUNG RESPONSE: *The Gifts of God*

Richard Bruxvourt-Colligan



The gifts of God for the peop-le of God! Come now, for all is pre-pared. The



gifts of God for the peop-le of God! The Gos - pel is a - mong us!

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SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: **Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

Erik Routley

William H. Jude

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2. In your day of loss and sor - row, in your
3. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
4. For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
5. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and
day of help - less strife, hon - or peace, and love re -
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near to all who
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our Judge, our

jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
Je - sus, "Work ye yet while it is day."
spurn him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
Glo - ry, be its name, "The Lord is there!"

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THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Assisting in Worship

Rev. Carol Hallman, Resident Pastor

Dr. Phillip Burgess, Choir Director *Susan Trivette*, Organist

Thursday, March 11

6:00..... Finance Committee Meeting
7:00..... Mission Committee Meeting

Thanks to all who donated to our Food Drive to benefit Rowan Helping Ministries' Food Pantry. We received an overwhelming response!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Austin, Mabel Barnhardt, Brenda Bernhardt, Betty Bowles (mother of Steve Bowles), Destony Bowles, Julia Callaway, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Sarah Hall (friend of Bobbie Troutman), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Harry & Nancy Hipp, Dawn Isenberg, Anne Kennedy, Johnnie Lippard (friend of Steve Bowles), Diane Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's mother), Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Flo Peck, Liam Pocock (Pat Norris' grandson), Savannah Price (Larry Bolick's nephew's granddaughter), John & Lucy Robinson, Glenda Shrewsbury, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Crystal Smith (niece of Bobbie Troutman), Nick Snipes, Jeff Watson (Larry Bolick's nephew), John and Sandy Wagoner, Waylon Ward. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or deleted from our prayer list, be sure and let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol.***

A reminder that as we are still only meeting online, please don't forget to drop your offering in the mail (207 W. Horah Street, Salisbury, 28144), send through your online banking system, or donate through paypal (there is a link for paypal donations on our website). We continue to need your gifts even when you are not here in person.

Please also remember 5-Alive donations. Your contributions with a notation for the 5-Alive Fund are always needed and appreciated. Giving to the 5-Alive Fund is used to help those in our church and within our community.