

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

March 11, 2018

Entering God's Presence

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Expressing Our Confidence in God's Grace

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Leader: Great God, in Christ you call our name

People: and then receive us as your own,

Leader: not through some merit, right or claim,

People: but by your gracious love alone.

Leader: Great God, in Christ you set us free

People: your life to live, your joy to share.

Leader: Give us your Spirit's liberty

People: to turn from guilt and dull despair

Leader: and offer all that faith can do

People: while love is making all things new.

(Verse by Brian Wren)

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, we give you thanks, for you created us to live together in love and freedom with you, with one another, and with the world. You made us in your image and endowed us with gifts of reason, imagination, and will. We have been created in order that your goodness might be reflected in our lives, but we have fallen short of your glory. Though we live with neighbors, we have ceased to live for them. Though we live with you, we have ceased to live for you. Our hearts have been, too often, set on ourselves and not on you or others. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive our selfish ways.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Lenten Wreath ***What Wondrous Love Is This*** (Blue Hymnal 85, v. 1) WONDROUS LOVE
(Four candles on the Lenten Wreath is extinguished for the Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

A Moment with the Children

(Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may leave the sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

*Hymn 78

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYDOM

Luke 9:21-23 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 65 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

Psalms 113: Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Luke Mayernik

Mark 15:16-24 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 50 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

God's Redeeming Love: Simon of Cyrene

Reece H. Smith

Ministry of Prayer

*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and ***Gloria Patri***

Bringing our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that members may know visitors and greet them following the worship service.)

*At the Presentation

Doxology (No. 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication and *The Lord's Prayer*

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.

*Hymn 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

*Benediction and Choral Benediction

Amen (Hymn 583)

Marty Haugen

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.