



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP - 9:30AM - 10:30AM

March 20, 2016

The Last Sunday in Lent

The Worship of God: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Acts of Gathering in God's Grace

Prelude "What Can Wash Away My Sin?" by Lowry
Youth Ringers

Welcome

Gathering Song "King of Kings" Arr. Conty/Batya
The Children's Choir

*** Responsive call to worship**

One: Day after day, God grants us a new day.

Many: We awake to the joys and challenges of growing in God's grace.

One: This is the day that God has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: We gather seeking a blessing in the name of God.

Many: Blessed are the ones who gather in God's name.

***Hymn** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 213 NCH

***Prayer of Presence:** (*unison*)

God of grace,

we are so happy that Jesus shares our humanity
and teaches us to expect new life.

May all the world receive Christ's spirit
and know God's steadfast love.

Amen.

A Reading from Scripture: Luke 19: 29-38 Page 83 NT

Anthem "The Children Cry Hosanna" Evans
The Children's Choir

Time with Youth:

Prayer

Acts of Giving and Receiving

Offertory:

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of love, hope and peace. Receive our gifts and increase our trust in You. Amen

Sung Response:

“Turn My Heart O God”

A Reading from Scripture:

Luke 22: 1-23

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Sermon and Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

“Crucifix”
Tana Van Slyke

Faure

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion prayer:

One: May our God be known in the sharing of this celebration.

Many: May we rise with the hope offered in the bread and cup.

One: Life is a gift and we its celebration.

Many: May we rejoice in the hope that we experience.

One: Let us give thanks to God

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Holy God, we give you thanks and praise....

So, we join our celebration with all people through time and space, saying:

Many: O God, full of love and light, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Amen

Words of Institution

Consecrating Prayer and the Prayer of Our Savior (*in unison*)

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.

Sharing of the elements: The elements of our communion will come to you. Please hold the bread until all are served. Consume the cup when offered.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (together)**

We give you thanks, O God, for refreshing us with spiritual nurture. Send us forth, following in the ways of your spirit, leading us with your hope for new life and your abiding presence among us.

Amen

***Hymn**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

No. 345 NCH

Verse 1 Soloist

Verse 4 Congregation

***Benediction**

***WE STAND AS WE ARE COMFORTABLY ABLE**