

Third Sunday in Lent
2018

March 4,

*Please silence all cell phones.
stand as able.*

**Please*

PREPARATION

Silent - Corinthians

1:25

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

BACH

Greetings and Announcements (Please sign friendship pads)

Ring the Bell

Introit *Hear My Prayer*

HOGAN

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in love.
The law of the Lord revives the soul;
And the word of God makes the simple wise
Let us worship God.

***Hymn 10** *Sing Glory to the Name of God* LASST UNS

ERFREUEN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

O God, our many fears keep us distant from you and from one another. We hear Jesus calling us to follow. We hear Paul urging us to put aside

our differences and prejudices and to embrace the cross, yet we're fearful of what this might mean for us. We don't easily venture beyond the familiar. We don't readily give up what's dear to us. Teach us to trust your Word, to take up our cross, and to let go of our own selfish fears. Strengthen our faith, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response of Praise No. 581** *Gloria Patri*

***The Exchange of Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you. P: And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer

*The Congregation sings Jesus Loves Me! vs. 1
(Children and Youth are excused for Church School)*

Anthem *Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs*

DALEY

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 1:18-25

L: This is the Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *What Is My Cross, Anyway?* Rev. John

Kloepfer

***Hymn 213 (1,2)** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

Pastoral Prayer

DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**People will come from East and West, and from
North and South, and sit at table in the
Kingdom of God.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***Hymn 507 (1,3) *Come to the Table of Grace* TABLE OF GRACE**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Unison Communion prayer

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy
mystery, in**

**which you have given yourself to us. Grant that
we may go**

**into the world in the strength of your spirit, to
give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Thanking God through the Offering

**Minute for Mission Advocacy for Racial Ethnic Concern
Rev. Holly Haile**

Thompson

Offertory

***Doxology No. 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings
Flow***

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Hymn 612 (1,3) *We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude in E minor

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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Faithfully Friendly For All – Always

Welcome . Include . Involve