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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



March 15, 2020



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Third Sunday in Lent

Gathering

HANDBELL INTROIT *Peace*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

HANDBELL ANTHEM *A Simple Song of Praise*

PRAISE SONGS *Come Now is the Time to Worship*
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
My Savior, My God

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Seek Ye First*

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SERMON A Season of YESSES: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
"YES" to Growth and Change

OFFERING *Seek Ye First*

COMMUNION *Just As I Am*

FINAL BLESSING

CLOSING *All My Days*

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CENTERING WORDS

God calls us to return from distractions.
A heart centered on God
is the best gift we can give ourselves.

ORGAN PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on a Melody*
by Orlando Gibbons

Healy Willan

HANDBELL INTROIT *Peace*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

"Return to me!"
Christ calls and we listen.
"Return to me!"
Christ calls and we respond.
"Return to me!"
Christ calls and we turn...
toward life, toward love, toward God.

***OPENING HYMN** *Lift High the Cross*

No. 159

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

Change our hearts, O God.
Wash away the dust and ashes
that cloud our vision and burden our lives,
and renew us with your Spirit of love and grace.
Guide our focus back to you,
that we may rest anew in the treasure of your love.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come to front
Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6
are dismissed with their teachers.

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Jesus, Remember Me* No. 488
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Jesus, Remember Me* No. 488

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HYMN (remain seated) *What Wondrous Love Is This* No. 292
 verses 1-2

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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *Chorale Prelude on the Melody "Quem Pastores"* Healy Willan
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*CLOSING HYMN *Amazing Grace* No. 378
 verses 1-4

*BENEDICTION

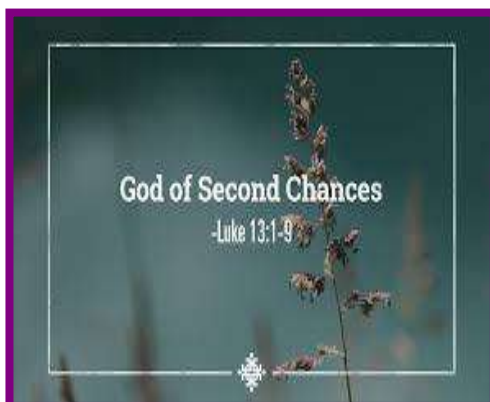
Go forth with the light of God and help others find their way.
We go in God's love and claim God's peace.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amazing Grace* No. 378
 verses 5-6

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
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Altar Flowers



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