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Order of Worship Third Sunday in Lent

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude

"Prelude in D minor" by J.S. Bach

March 3, 2024, 10am

Welcome & Announcements

*Litany for Lent

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh: Repent, or in forty days you will perish. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.** Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and was tested by the devil. **Lead us, O Lord, from Death to Life.**

*Opening Hymn GTG No. 737 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" (vs. 1,3,4)

Psalm 19:1-14

Refrain: "God is Our Refuge, God is our Strength"

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, Where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

Refrain: "God is Our Refuge, God is our Strength"

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

Refrain: "God is Our Refuge, God is our Strength"

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Refrain: "God is Our Refuge, God is our Strength"

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have Mercy, O God, forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our savior.

Hymn *GTG No. 423 (v.1)* "Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God"

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Time with Children

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these 40 days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings (insert) Exodus 20:1-17, John 2:13-22

Sermon "Getting Angry"

*Hymn of Response GTG No. 720 (vs. 1,2,3) "Jesus Calls Us"

Offering

*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

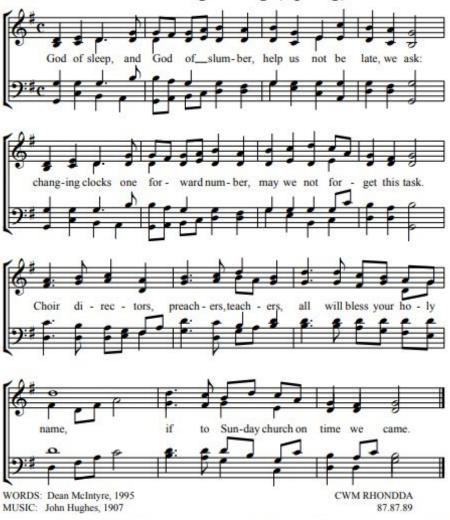
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn GTG No. 625 (vs. 1,2,4) "How Great Thou Art" or PH No. 467

Benediction

Postlude "Psalm 19" by Benedetto Marcello, arr. by Hal Hopson





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Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.