

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathering of the People - Worshipping safely at home

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Name

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

PRELUDE

"O Rest in the Lord"
Lindsay Mecher, soloist

Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey, the drippings of the honeycomb.

OPENING HYMN

"In Remembrance of Me"

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CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God Who is merciful and just, will forgive our sins.

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confession our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ, Your Son.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Word Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-21

SERMON "Spring Cleaning"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Hassler/Bach

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we prepare to offer to God our gifts, let us pray: **Our blindness to the needs of others is a burden we bear, and one from which we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus and use these gifts to heal and to restore. In the Name of Jesus, we pray.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup (including Words of Institution)

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

O, God of grace, You renew us at Your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve You and one another. We ask this in the precious name of Your Son, Jesus the Christ, the savior of our souls. Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" GTG # 494

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Etude, Opus 25 "The Harp" Chopin

Assisting in Worship:

Afua Akompong, Lindsay Mecher, Emily Crisp, Leo Radosavljevic, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director; and the Reverend Bunny Hughes.