



Sunday Schedule

9:00 Christian Formation

10:00 Worship

Nursery for Ages 0-5 and Mother's Room:

We have a safe and fun nursery located at the end of the hall in the Veritas Cafe. Please follow the signs. We use a Kid Check program for security.

Video: There is a video feed of the worship live-streamed to the Conference Room at the end of the hallway for anyone who needs to step out of the service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 24, 2019 | Third Sunday in Lent

Reflection and Preparation

Our liturgy during Lent will carry us through the book of Habakkuk and is entitled Trumpets, Tears, and Ashes. The trumpets reminded Israel of the trumpets on Mount Sinai, God's triumphant victory over Egypt, and his divine Kingship. Israel throughout her later history would come into worship with sounding trumpets of joy. So do we! We rejoice in the Kingship of Jesus Christ and his victory over the death and the devil. But Israel rebelled against the LORD her God. She broke the terms of the covenant, so God brought her under the judgment of the Babylonian Empire (7th century BC). Together with the prophet Habakkuk they cried tears of sorrow and covered themselves with ashes.

Today, there is much to be sorrowful about concerning the Church in the world. She is not what she ought to be; there's much that she needs to repent of. And there are plenty of sorrows in our lives as well, as our lives are not what they ought to be in holiness and love.

During the season of Lent, our worship will include the sounding of trumpets followed by periods of silence, Psalms of lamentation, and opportunities to reflect on how we the Church have a long way to go until we meet our Lord.

Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24:7-8, 10

JESUS IS KING

WENDY CHURCHILL, 1982



1. Je - sus is King, and I will ex - tol - him,
2. We have a hope that is stead - fast and cer - tain,
3. We come to him, our Priest and A - pos - tle,
4. O Ho - ly One, our hearts do a - dore you,



give him the glo - ry, and hon - or his name.
gone through the cur - tain and touch - ing the throne.
clothed in his glo - ry and bear - ing his name.
thrilled with your good - ness, we give you our praise.



He reigns on high en - throned in the heav - ens,
We have a priest who is there in - ter - ced - ing,
Lay - ing our lives with glad - ness be - fore him,
An - gels in light with wor - ship sur - round him,



Word of the Fa - ther, ex - alt - ed for us.
pour - ing his grace on our lives day by day.
filled with his Spir - it, we wor - ship the King.
Je - sus, our Sav - ior, for - ev - er the same.

Opening Prayer

Silent Reading

When asked how he tries to reconcile his faith in God with the untold misery in the world, theologian Lewis Smedes said that his prayers have increasingly changed from ‘Why’ to ‘When.’ When, Lord, are you going to come and set things right? Smedes comments reflect Habakkuk’s faith. Because God cannot tolerate wrongdoing and his are too pure to look on evil (last week’s passage), Habakkuk knows that evil cannot finally triumph over God’s people. That’s why he stations himself on the ramparts (see below). He is looking for the salvation that God will bring. So are we. Though it lingers, it will certainly come. Like Habakkuk, our Why’s become When’s.

Scripture

Habakkuk 2:1-4

I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

And the LORD answered me:

“Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.
For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.
Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

“See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

PSALM 42 – AS A DEER IN WANT OF WATER

PSALTER HYMNAL, 1987



1. As a deer in want of wa - ter, so I
 2. Bit - ter tears of lam - en - ta - tion are my
 3. O my soul, why are you griev - ing, why dis -



long for you, O Lord. ___ All my heart and be - ing
 food by night and day. ___ In my deep hu - mil - i -
 qui - et - ed in me? ___ Put your hope in God, be -



fal - ter, thirst - ing for your liv - ing word. ___
 a - tion "Where is now your God?" they say. ___
 liev - ing he will still your ref - uge be. ___



When shall I be - hold your face? ___ When shall
 When my sor - rows weigh on me, ___ then I
 I a - gain shall praise his grace ___ for the



I re - ceive your grace? When shall I, your prais - es
 bring to mem - o - ry. ___ How with throngs I would as -
 com - fort of his face; ___ he will show his help and



voic - ing, come be - fore you with re - joic - ing.
 sem - ble, shout - ing prais - es in your tem - ple.
 fav - or, for he is my God and Sav - ior.

Prayer of Confession

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Let's pray:

**O God, we are often impatient like the children of Israel.
We want things our way and we want them in a hurry.
Please teach us patience,
And take away our sin
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL

FERNANDO ORTEGA, 1997



1. When the morn - ing falls on the far - thest hill I will
2. When dark tri - als come and my heart is filled with the



sing his — name, I will praise him, still. (to v. 2)
weight of — doubt, I will praise him, still. (to Refrain)

Refrain



For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save from the



arms of death, from the deep-est grave; and he gave us life in his



per-fect will, and by his good grace I will praise him, still.



still. When the morn - ing falls on the far - thest hill I will



sing his — name, I will praise him still.

Assurance of Pardon

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Their sins shall be forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be of good cheer, brothers and sisters. for In Christ your sins are forgiven! Amen!

from Isaiah 40:13

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers for the Church and World

Offering

JESUS YOUR NAME

KEITH GETTY, KRISTYN GETTY, IAN HANNAH, 2004



1. Je - sus, your name, Prince of Peace; qui - ets my
2. Je - sus, your name, Coun - sel - or; Won - der - ful
3. Je - sus, your name, Migh - ty God; All Pow'r - ful



soul, trea - sures the least. In per - fect rest — you — will
Way, Life's Com - for - ter. Spir - it of Truth — de - fend - ing
One, rul - ing in love. There is a King up - on — the



keep all whose hope is in you. Je - sus, your
me, though in me was the blame. Je - sus, your
throne earth can - not o - ver - throw. Je - sus, your



name can si - lence the storms; the striv - ings that
name has stood in my place and freed me from
name, great ban - ner of hope, stead - ies the



trou - ble — our world. Je - sus, your name re -
hope - less shame; Je - sus, your name now
knees of the weak. Je - sus, your name all



veals you as Lord; — What a pow - er - ful name!
fa - thers me; with joy I hear his great name.
na - tions will praise; — Oh, — glo - ri - ous name!

Passing of the Peace

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "The peace of Christ be with you."

Sermon

36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, 38 and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. 41 "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

"Two Debtors: Lessons on Love and Mercy"
Rev. Brad Chaney

Luke 7:36-50

Sermon Series
*Luke: the Gospel of
Amazement*

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors, and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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 him thanks and praise.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
He took upon himself the weight of our sin
and carried the burden of our guilt.
He shared our life in every way,
and, though tempted, was sinless to the end.
Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death
and by your power was raised to new life.
In his dying and rising,
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death
and made with us a new covenant by his blood.

**Our Savior gave us this holy sacrament
and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.
We eat and drink in faith, eager for his reappearing.
Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

Communion

Wine is available in the inner two circles; grape juice is available in the outer ring. Gluten-free wafers are available in a basket on the back table.

We hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

We ask that you dispense with your cups by the back door following the service.

Just as the climax of all history will be the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, we conclude our worship in the presence of God by feasting. The Spirit takes the common elements of bread and wine and feeds us spiritually with the body and blood of Jesus, for our nourishment and growth in grace, and so strengthens us to be sent out into the world as God's agents of his generous hospitality.

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

CHARLES H. GABRIEL, 1905



1. I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of
 2. He took my sins and my sor - rows, he
 3. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his



Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and won - der how he could
 made them his ver - y own. He bore the bur - den to
 face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the



love me a sin - ner, con-demned, un - clean. *to verse 2*
 Cal - v'ry, and suf - fered and died a - lone. *to Chorus*
 a - ges to sing of his love for me. *to Chorus*



How mar-vel-ous! How won-der-ful! And my song shall ev - er be.



How mar-vel-ous! How won-der-ful! Is my Sav - ior's love for me!
last x
repeat Chorus

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD

2 COR 13:14

The grace of our Lord, Je-sus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fel - low-ship of the Ho - ly Spir-it, be with us for-ev - er more.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Grace of Our Lord'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'The grace of our Lord, Je-sus Christ, and the love of God, and the fel - low-ship of the Ho - ly Spir-it, be with us for-ev - er more.'

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.