

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Live as children of the light.

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Lord of life is lifted up!

Let us look to Christ and live.

In Christ there is a new creation.

The old has passed away; everything is new!

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

*HYMN #457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SILENT CONFESSION AND RESPONSE

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12 (p. 197, Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32: Hymn #184

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How Blest Are Those

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (p. 78, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN (see insert)

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Noel Edwards, tenor

Spiritual

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*LORD’S PRAYER

(see insert)

SENDING

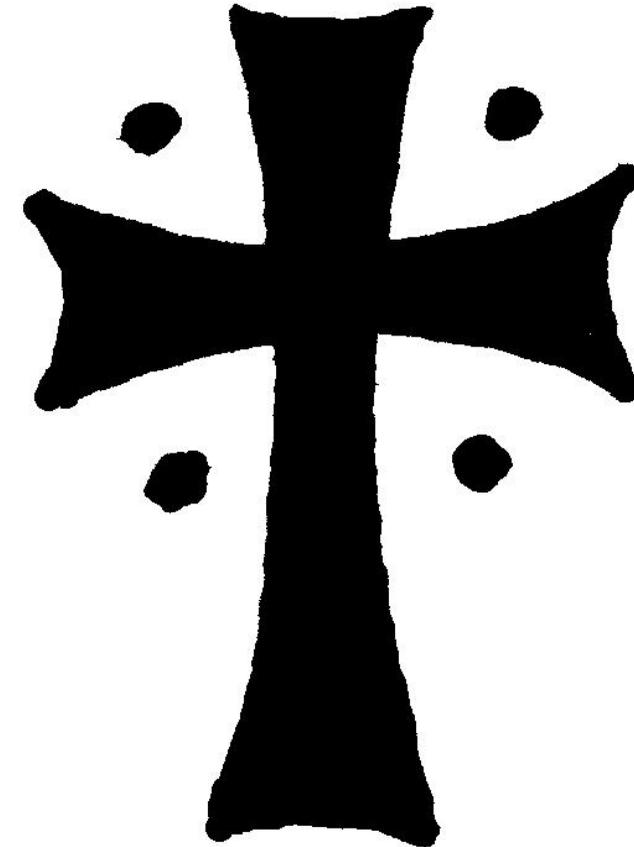
*HYMN #172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 31, 2019
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