

Service of the Word and Sacrament

March 11, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome! It's a joy to worship with you today. Larger print bulletins & personal hearing amplifiers are available in the Narthex (Main Street entry).

Caring volunteers and paid staff tend our nursery/childcare rooms during worship.

Little ones are welcome there any time. **Today, children will begin in Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and return to join in celebrating Communion.**

Prelude

Bourrée in B Minor from French Overture by Johann Sebastian Bach

Catherine York, Organist

Welcome

The Rev. Jill H. Small

Introit

Call to Worship and Invocation

Marion Ellis, Pulpit Assistant

One: Come one and all; be the Church!

All: Here I am, one of God's own.

One: Be comfortable together.

All: Here we are, all God's people.

One: Your unique voice blesses our unison invocation. Let's pray together.

All: Creating, Redeeming, Sustaining God, the whole world reflects you. You are all that we are; all that we are not; all that we cannot imagine. You are One, revealed through many names, diverse and united, awesome and gentle. Break into this hour and into our hearts and minds as we seek to know you and to worship you in Spirit and in Truth. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn**

Bring Many Names (verses 1 and 6)

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*(*Standing in body or in spirit)*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Church Family Prays

The Prayer of Jesus/Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy reign/kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the reign/kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering *Gifts of time, talent, and treasure make possible the mission and ministry we share. You're welcome to use a pew card to note online giving and gifts of service. Thank you.*

Blessing of Water, Words of Institution, Consecration of Elements, and Communion

Ripples in the Water

One: Water is a precious resource.

All: It is the source from which creation springs.

One: May God bless this water as we reflect on its beauty and power.

All: May we bless one another as we look upon the surface of the water.

One: The Spirit that moved over the waters invites us to look deeper.

All: Each life creates ripples and touches other lives.

One: May we be reminded, refreshed, and renewed by these gathered waters.

All: Whosoever we are, may love overflow all our boundaries.

Please proceed by the pulpit-side aisle to the Gathered Waters. You may drop a pebble into the waters and watch the ripples. You also may dip your finger into the water and touch your forehead in remembrance of the blessings of water in baptism and beyond.

Move across the front of the sanctuary to the Bread and Cup; take a piece of bread, dip the bread into the cup, eat, and return to your seat via the lectern-side aisle.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Let us give thanks to God in union with the faithful everywhere.

**ALL: We thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of the living Christ; for gladness in this bread and cup; for love that cannot die; for peace that the world cannot give nor take away; for the glory of creation; and for the mission of justice that we can make our own. Fill us with the gifts of this sacrament: oneness of heart, love and forgiveness offered and accepted, the will to serve and the willingness to grow. In your holy name we pray:
Amen.**

* **Closing Hymn**

As Moses Raised the Serpent Up

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Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

La Florentine in D Minor by Francois Couperin

***As our worship together ends, our true service begins.
May you be blessed this week and may you be a blessing to others.***

Greeting today are Gary Cilley, Leslie Martin, Chris Holmgren, Steve Holmgren, and Doug Terrill.
Thank you to our Sound Engineers: John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, and Fisayo Dada for running our sound system each Sunday morning.

After worship, all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, hosted by Martha Andersen and Meche Romoser.

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