

Celebration of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Reflection

“Do your best and be proud of yourself. In the entire world, there has never been another person like you. You are rare.”

Ralph Courtney

We Gather at God’s Invitation

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Brother James Air* Woods

CALL TO WORSHIP *The 23rd Psalm* p. 435 – responsively

INTROIT *A Glad Alleluia* McChesney

Praise Ringers

PRAYER

* *Please stand, if you are able*

+ *Found on the screen*

* HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* # 138

+ ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

God Speaks through the Word

CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITY

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *You Are Special* by Max Lucado

Prayer

(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Georgia Kimberly McKay

ANTHEM *Who Is the One We Love the Most* Schalk

Who is the one we love the most, the one who has our total trust?
Something or someone is our God, whose will is willingly obeyed,
To whom we give the years we live: Let that be you, our God, our Lord!

Count every heartbeat, every breath; trace every step from birth to death;
Track every second to its source, each drop of blood, each blade of grass,
The rising sun, and every one: Let that be you, our God, our Lord!

Preserve us from all other gods, all damned, deceitful, loveless frauds;
Compare them ruthlessly to you, the only One, eternal true Creator of all life
and love;

You are that One, our God, our Lord!

A love no other god has shown; Your Son upon a cross makes known.

How shall we worship such a God with more than words and passing nod,
If not with whole heart, mind and soul, like yours for us, our God, our Lord?!

+ GOSPEL LESSON *John 9:1-42* p. 871

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MEDITATION *Whose Fault Is It?*

Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

* HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Insert

We Respond with Our Gifts and Prayers

OFFERING *Inside Gifts for the Church*

READING *God Is Blind* Rosemary Broadstock

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* HYMN *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* # 540

* BENEDICTION & BLESSING

* POSTLUDE *Allegro Energico* Cappelen