

# Celebration of Worship

*Third Sunday in Lent*

March 4, 2018

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

*“The work ‘hypocrite’ comes from a Greek word which means literally, ‘one who hides behind a mask.’ While everyone can be hypocritical and many believers who call themselves Christians worry more about outward appearance than what’s going on in their hearts, real Christians are first and foremost forgiven sinners.”*

## Order of Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Berceuse* Vierne

LETTING GOD INTO OUR HEART AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP  
Based on *Psalm 139*

Leader: O Lord our God, you are wise;  
**People: You know our thoughts before we reveal them to you.**

Leader: O Lord our God, you are compassionate;  
**People: You know our joys and our fears before we name them to you.**

Leader: O Lord our God, you are just;  
**People: You offer us mercy while we cringe at the expectation of judgment and punishment.**

Leader: In spite of our weaknesses, our failures, our doubts, you invite each one of us into your presence.

**All: We praise you and humble ourselves before you, O Lord our God!**

\* HYMN *Seek Ye First* # 333

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *Saying ‘yes’ and doing it!*

Prayer  
(Children in Preschool through 2nd Grade are dismissed for Praise & Play.)

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *The Journey* arr. Sherman  
Glory Bells

\* DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 23:1-33* p. 804

SERMON *Christians Who Play Charades ... Pretenders in the Pew*  
Pastor Larry De Vuyst

ANTHEM *Kyrie Eleison* Huntsinger  
Chancel Choir

Kyrie eleison; Lord, have mercy on me. Christe eleison; Christ have mercy on me.  
Most Holy One, Father, Righteous Son,  
You who called my name before You spoke the worlds to be,  
From Your place on high, hear a sinner’s cry for mercy, Lord, I pray.  
Kyrie eleison; Lord, have mercy on me. Christe eleison; Christ have mercy on me.

## The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

The Words of Institution

The Communion

HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* # 85

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN *How Happy Is Each Child of God* # 239

\* SENDING FORTH

Pastor: God speaks and sends us forth.  
**Congregation: We will go to proclaim God’s grace and glory.**

Pastor: Jesus speaks, and lives are changed.  
**Congregation: We will go to set free the oppressed, to be a voice for those never heard.**

Pastor: The Spirit speaks, and the world is turned inside out.  
**Congregation: We will become as foolish as a trusting child, as powerless as those overlooked by everyone around them.**

\* POSTLUDE *Bourree* Handel