

March 10, 2019

RISK



Order of Worship First Sunday in Lent

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“Meditation”

Dubois

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 160** “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shannon Keeney, adapted

Leader: Who comes this way? We wonder who he is.

People: They say that he is the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior, the King.

Leader: Who comes this way? Is it really him?

People: We want him to beat the Romans and save us from poverty and hunger.

Leader: Who comes this way? Is he victorious, powerful, or scary?

People: He is only a man, riding on a donkey.

Leader: Who comes this way? What does he look like?

People: We see his face in the twinkle of our neighbors’ eyes.

Leader: Who comes this way? How shall we respond?

People: Hosanna! Save us, Lord!

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 278**

Verse 3

**“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

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THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.

THE ANTHEM

(9:30)

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Mark Miller

IXOYC Choir

(11:00)

“My Prayer”

A.L. “Pete” Butler

Sonshine Choir

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Thom Shuman

With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary.

Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF GRACE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

**“Clear Our Hearts, O God”
Chancel Choir**

Tom Trenney

***THE DOXOLOGY NO. 94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 269** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

THE SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11 (Pew Bible pg. 900)

This is God’s living Word for God’s living people. ~ **“Thanks be to God!”**

THE SERMON *The Risks of Discipleship:*
“Risking Reputation”
Rev. Elbert Dulworth

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 159** “Lift High the Cross”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**
Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE** “Grand Chorus” Dubois

**Congregation Standing*

****Seating of Worshipers*

The 8:15 postlude is played by Melvin Rookus.



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