



First United Methodist Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

VOLUNTARY

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Robin Dinda

HYMN 296

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

PICARDY

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, sing the ending of the fray;
now above the cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay:
tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer, as a victim won the day.

Tell how, when at length the fullness of the appointed time was come,
Christ, the Word, was born of woman, left for us his heavenly home;
showed us human life made perfect, shone as light amid the gloom.

Thus, with thirty years accomplished, went he forth from Nazareth,
destined, dedicated, willing, wrought his work, and met his death.
Like a lamb he humbly yielded on the cross his dying breath.

Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph, now for us the noblest tree,
none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be;
symbol of the world's redemption, for the weight that hung on thee!

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen

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SCRIPTURE LESSON | John 2:13-22

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Just Like Jesus: Opposed

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 372

How Can We Sinners Know

ST. MICHAEL

How can we sinners know our sins on earth forgiven?
How can my gracious Savior show my name inscribed in heaven?

We who in Christ believe that he for us hath died,
we all his unknown peace receive and feel his blood applied.

We by his Spirit prove and know the things of God,
the things which freely of his love he hath on us bestowed.

The meek and lowly heart that in our Savior was,
to us that Spirit doth impart and signs us with his cross.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lead Me, Lord

LEAD ME, LORD

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Assisting in the leadership of worship are
Senior Pastor: Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne
Associate Pastors: Rev. Jeremy Morris and Rev. Kelli Mullinix
Director of Music: Michael S. Brannon
Acolyte; Dennis Sanders
Cross Bearer: Craig Etheridge
Choir: 8:30 Choir members and Chancel Choir members
Sound Technicians: Jason Gardner and Latham Mullinix

The Altar greens are presented to the glory of God
by Jan and Pete Richards
in memory of all four of our parents gone before us,
who celebrated December and January birthdays.

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