

# Liturgy for Corporate Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

Prelude

Introit

Chancel Choir

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-2

\*Hymn

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A Mighty Fortress is Our God

\*Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We would not receive any grace or mercy from you if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you and offended your holiness. Yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to you. On account of this we humbly implore you, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 5:17

\*The Doxology

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory

Mixed Ensemble

Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Randy Heidtman

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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Unison Scripture Reading

Psalm 42:1-11

Anthem

Chancel Choir

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn

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Be Still, My Soul

Sermon

Rev. Peter Scribner

Isaiah 41:1-10

\*Hymn

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How Firm a Foundation

\*Benediction

\*Parting Hymn

**God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till  
we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

*The Prayer of Confession was adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560*

\*Those able are encouraged to stand

### **Featured Element of Worship: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

Some 500+ years ago in Wittenberg, Germany, a young monk named Martin Luther posted 95 theses for theological debate on the Castle Church door. His goal was to point out abuses within the church and prompt discussion among Christians so that their faith might be deepened and drawn more in line with the Scriptures. What resulted though was a movement that became known as the Protestant Reformation. Perhaps the single most powerful hymn of the Reformation was Luther's *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, based on Psalm 46. During a time of great persecution for the Protestant churches, this song became a bold declaration of faith and a source of strength. People who had long been silent in corporate worship, were encouraged to lift their voices with one another as a result of the Reformation. Just as they proclaimed in one voice their common faith, let us boldly do the same this morning and every time we gather!