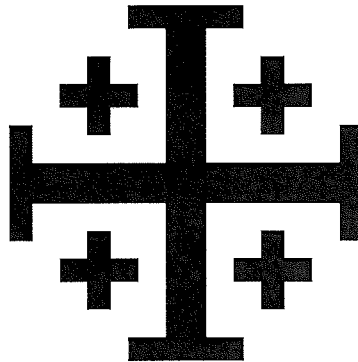


Lenten Service ~ February 17, 2016  
The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island



**Call to Worship**

Leader: The Spirit will carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.  
People: **To the north and south, to the east and west.**  
Leader: This promise is realized in our discipleship.  
People: **Call us again Lord, to share your love with the world.**

**Opening Prayer**

God of our salvation, we long to be reconciled to you. Help us to clear away any obstacle that prevents us from accepting the grace of Jesus Christ. No matter what we face in this life, increase in us knowledge and patience, kindness, and holiness of spirit, genuine love and truthful speech, so that, by the power of God at work in us, we may live even as we are dying and rejoice even in our sorrows. Though it may seem we have nothing, if reconciled to you, we possess everything, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn #100**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Rockingham

**God's Word to Us**

Matthew 28:16-20

Journey to the Cross:  
The Jerusalem Cross

**Responsive Psalter of Confession and Penitence**

Psalm 36

Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their hearts;  
there is no fear of God before their eyes.

**For they flatter themselves in their own eyes  
that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.**

The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit;  
they have ceased to act wisely and do good.

**They plot mischief while on their beds;  
they are set on a way that is not good;  
they do not reject evil.**

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
your salvation to the upright of heart!**

In quiet trust, in simple words, we enter a space for prayer. We confess our sins, both secret and public, the door to God's heart is open, and we enter into grace and mercy.

*(In unison)* **O God, you see our secret hearts. You see through our vain attempts at righteousness, when we do the right thing for the wrong reason. Forgive us when we seek to please others, instead of pleasing you. Do not see us for our faults, and do not go away from us. Keep us always in your presence so that we may be restored to the joy of your salvation. Sustain in us a willing spirit to treasure what you desire; then our hearts will be opened in joy and gladness.**

**Hear us as we pray silently, that you may draw us close and change us to become like Christ...**

*(Silence is kept)*

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Friends, our God who sees all our hidden parts also cleanses every part. Trust in God's forgiveness that you may serve with pure hearts in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

### **Benediction and Blessing for the Meal**