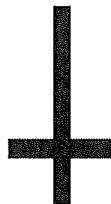


Lenten Service ~ February 24, 2016
The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island



Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;
People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
Leader: The hour is coming and is now here.
People: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still you offer us the gift of eternal life. As we worship you this evening, help us to make our confession in the One God, Father, Son, and Spirit, in whom alone we trust and adore. Amen.

Hymn #98

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

God's Word to Us

John 21:15-19

Journey to the Cross:
The Cross of St. Peter

Responsive Psalter of Confession and Penitence

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.
You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.
Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

(In unison) **Most holy God, we confess our tendencies to hide from you, for we do not desire understanding but rather cherish independence. We stiffen our necks rather than bow our heads, and hesitate to humble ourselves before anyone. Forgive us. Heal us. Change us. That we may receive and reflect the love of your Son.**

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

God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe in the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Amen.

Benediction and Blessing for the Meal