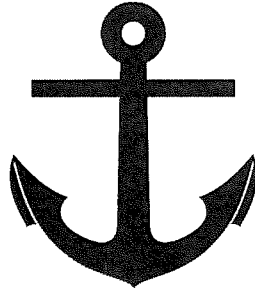


Lenten Service ~ March 2, 2016
The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island



Call to Worship

Leader: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and help us,
People: **for you are strong and trustworthy.**
Leader: Let all generations see your blessing,
People: **for your name is holy and your mercy is great.**

Opening Prayer

In gratitude, O God, we come into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for the gift of your gracious Son, we offer our thanks and praise. Jesus calls us to be the church, to bring your light into the world, but we often struggle, argue, and divide over our common call. Touch us so that we are utterly changed and renewed for your service. In the name of our Savior we pray, Amen.

Hymn #442

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

God's Word to Us

Acts 2:37-47

Journey to the Cross:
The Anchor Cross

Responsive Psalter of Confession and Penitence

Psalm 130

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark my iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

From all its iniquities.

(In unison) **Have mercy on us, O God, because of your steadfast love and abundant mercy, erase our transgressions. Wash us completely from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our sinfulness, and we see its results in our lives. Create in each of us a clean heart, O God, and give us the joy of your Holy Spirit. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not be far from us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us hearts that are willing to follow 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

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Blessing for the Meal