

Christian Service of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

**indicates for those who are able to stand*

We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

(As the risen Christ greeted his beloved disciples with the greeting, "Peace be with you," let us now turn and greet one another in mutual love.)

Prelude *O Lamb of God* J.S. Bach

*Entrance Hymn *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* **82**

*Call to Worship Rev. Wendy Wyche

One: Today is a new day to come before the Lord and be renewed.

Many: We know we have a choice whether or not to come and we are here.

One: We honor Christ with our presence here to seek that renewal.

Many: We honor our Savior by what we do when we leave here, renewed!

One: Come and worship the Lord who will prepare you to bear fruit in his name wherever you go.

Many: We are anxious and ready to begin. Hallelujah, Amen!

*Unison Prayer of Invocation Rev. Wendy Wyche

Most Merciful and Wonderful Savior, we are here, ready to hear you, feel you and experience your presence in this time of worship. We have opened our mind, spirit and soul for your incoming and indwelling. Come and guide us so that we may bear the fruit of your spirit with whomever we meet. In your name we pray. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

We Receive and Respond to the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Ruth Lutz

Micah 6: 6-8 (*Pew Bible OT Page 866*)

Luke 13: 1-9 (*Pew Bible NT Page 76*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Focus on Faith Pastor

Children welcome, in the name of Jesus. Children welcome, in the name of love.

All are welcome, in the name of Jesus. All are welcome, in the name of love.

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

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.

Dismissal for Children's Church with Rev. Dr. Barbara Sims-King

Handbell Choir Anthem *Give Thanks* Susan E. Geschke

Sermon *"Jesus' Values"* Pastor

Invitation to Discipleship Pastor

(You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith, or by renewal of the vows of your baptism. Please come forward during the hymn.)

*Hymn of Invitation *Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)* **536, Verses 1 & 2**

We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Handbell Choir Anthem *And Can It Be* Bill Ingram

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship the Lord's Table Pastor

Communion Hymn *There is a Balm in Gilead* **501**

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Ruth Lutz and Wendy Wyche

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

One: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said,

Many: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

Many: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

One: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

(Christ invites you to partake of Holy Communion. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You may partake of communion by intinction. Please come forward, take a wafer and dip it into the chalice. Holy Communion will also be served by our Deacons to those in pews who choose to not come forward and wish to partake. Gluten free Communion Bread and water are available. Please place your tithes in the offering plates held by our Deacons. You are not expected nor required to give an offering in order to receive Holy Communion. The Lord's Table is free to one and all.)

Prayer of Commission

God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.

