

Order of Worship

March 4, 2018 — Third Sunday in Lent, Amistad Sunday

*Please stand ... in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.

Bold words are spoken in unison
Bold Italics are words sung in unison

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Arr. Sherman

Carillon Bell Choir

Jason Aquila, Director

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT OF CHRIST, a symbol of Jesus' presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God and to follow Jesus.

A God whom we can never fully understand.

A God for whom our understanding continues to evolve.

We pray our evolving understanding of God helps us to be a people of unconditional love, making the world more just, more peaceful, more safe, for all the people on this planet.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 6

Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good

*WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us pray together:

God help us not to hide from our history as Christians. We confess our collective history is filled with physical and cultural genocide. In the name of God and as followers of Jesus we have killed many men, women, and children. We have enslaved and abused and discriminated against many in the name of God and as followers of Jesus. Help us to own and learn and repent from our history collectively and

personally. We repent for the disrespect we show and have shown others, justifying our behavior as consistent with the character and will of God. Forgive us, and through the life and teachings of Jesus help us to experience God as a God of the “inclusive we” — a God who loves all people and asks us to do the same. Help us to understand both God’s grief and pain as well as experience God’s unconditional love and forgiveness. Amen.

***WE SING PRAISE TO GOD**

***Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three in One; as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Mama's Nightingale

Margaret Borrelli, Faith Formation Minister

(Following these moments, our children recess to their Sunday Morning Program. Our nursery is available for infants, and there is a lounge opposite the sanctuary where the service may be heard. You may wish to join in blessing the children as they go by singing:)

***Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
ev'-ry-where, ev'-ry-where you ... may ... go.***

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:5-7 and John 8:1-11

Our God is still speaking:

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

The Call to a Theological Migration

The Rev. James Cunningham

Interim Pastor for Worship & Pastoral Care

WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

WE PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

Our Father (God), 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 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.

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Invitation and Offering

In gratitude for the grace of God, let us offer our lives and gifts that our love will contribute to a world of love and justice and peace.

Offertory Music

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Arr. Wagner

Carillon Bell Choir

Jason Aquila, Director

*WE SING OUR SONG OF PRAISE

No. 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

*WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Let us pray together:

God receive and bless our lives and these gifts, that we and they may transform the lives of those near and far from hate and violence to love and peace. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

Remember Me

Adams/Andrews

Carol Peddie, Director

Leslie Patzwahl, Flute

WE SHARE THE BREAD AND CUP OFFERED BY JESUS

Invitation

Recalling the words of Jesus

Our prayer and blessing

Receiving and sharing these gifts from Jesus

We give thanks

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us these symbols of your love and grace. Help us to remember you in every moment that we may love one another as you love us ... without condition. We love you and pray your love will radiate through our words and deeds that we may be a blessing of grace, transforming both ourselves and all we encounter on our journey. Amen.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 202

O God, How We Have Wandered

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Voluntary in A Minor

James

Jason Aquila, Organist

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

Liturgist: Diane Kvasnicka

Acolytes: Katie and Elizabeth Carney

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Dave and Sandy Evans in honor of Pastor Cunningham.

ASSIGNMENTS THIS WEEK:

1. Read some historical descriptions of the violence of Christians.
2. What can you do to help your understanding of God be reassessed, evolve, expand?
3. What can you do to help others reassess their understanding of God?
4. Of the five stages of God Brian McClaren describes, which one best fits where you are now?
5. For next Sunday, If you are reading *The Way of Life*, I invite you to read Chapter 3. If you are reading *The Great Spiritual Migration*, I invite you to read the four chapters under Part III.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, March 4

Third Sunday in Lent; Amistad
Sunday
Last Small Group Meeting on
Constitution and By Laws

Monday, March 5

Yoga, 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, March 6

Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 7

Bible Study, 1:30 p.m.
Carillon Bell Choir, 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 11

Fourth Sunday in Lent
One Great Hour of Sharing
Sunday
Men's Bible Study, 8:45 a.m.
Daylight Savings Time begins:
"spring ahead an hour"!

VISIT THE LENTEN STATIONS IN THE CHAPEL Margaret has set up beautiful reflective activities good for ALL AGES in the chapel. Please plan to spend a few moments there during the season.

ORDER YOUR EASTER CINNAMON ROLLS! \$5/pan of 4 rolls. Will be frozen to be baked fresh whenever you want. Delivery March 25.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAKE THE ROLLS: NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Saturday, March 10, 9-noon; lunch provided.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST If you wish to have someone remain on the current list, please notify Emma Kozar (440-899-6221) by March 26 for the April bulletins.

EASTER LILY ORDERS It's time to pre-order your beautiful, triple-stem Easter Lilies! See the order form in this bulletin or on the info table in the Gathering Room. Deadline for orders is March 18.

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All are Welcome

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Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers

Anita Spaeta (cousin of Diane and Dave Kvasnicka)

Marisol Stokes (one of our cleaning persons)

John Derrick (friend of the Mealys)

The family of Connie Stover (former long-time member)

Pearl Wood

Konnie Wenneman

Paula Deal

Marilynn Wheeler (friend of Diane Schwing)

John Michelich

Pamela Bloomingdale (niece of Konnie Wenneman)

Bob Patzwahl

Carol Adams

Marge Hall

Paullette Taylor (friend of Jane Huml)

Nola Branch

Chuck Hughes

Karen Farmer

Chuck Zaugg

Jim Gartner (son of Ruth Gartner)

Gail Rattray and son Brian (relatives of Sandy Evans)

Andy Bischof

Nola Branch

Katie Gartner (granddaughter of Ruth Gartner)

Joyce Droescher

Jane Huml

Julie Simpson (daughter of Carole Adams)

Jeremy Steinbrick (grandson of Andy & Jan Bischof)

Jon Fields (friend of Chuck & Carol Mealy)

Steve Kneale (son of Jane Huml)

Megan Mealy

