

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2021**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand
How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Mason
Liddle

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship**

Jim Fox

Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our Maker.

This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.

Let us worship the Triune God. Amen.

 **Invocation**

Jim Fox

O God, our guide and guardian,
you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.
Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth,
to the comfort of our souls
and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.
Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,
that we may not fear the coming of night,
when we shall surrender into your hands
the tasks which you have committed to us.
So may we worship you not with our lips only at this hour,
but in word and deed all the days of our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

 **Hymn 43**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Refrain.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide:
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain.*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession
(Responsively)

Jim Fox

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
**Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy
spirit from me.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Fox

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins
is proclaimed to you.
In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

🕯 There is a Redeemer

*When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever*

*Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child, and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious Throne.*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 9:19-23*

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Sermon *“Free from All, Servant to All”*
 Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 Hymn *All I Have in Christ*

*I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still*

*But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed*

*You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace*

*Chorus
Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life*

*Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You*

Profession of Faith

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

People: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 350

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know "Thus saith the Lord."*

Refrain

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Refrain*

*Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.*

Refrain

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.
Refrain*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude** *Rejoice and Be Glad*

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