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Morrisville, PA

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Beatitudo

Robert Hebble
Will Carlson, Acolyte

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Rosenau

INTROIT

Ephesians 2:8

Marilyn Shenenberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Hancock

One: O Lord, I will bless you as long as I live.

All: **I will lift up my hands and call upon your name.**

One: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast.

All: **My mouth praises you with joyful lips.**

One: I praise you, O God, for you have been my help.

All: **In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

*HYMN 276 – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness.*

FAITHFULNESS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – *Unison*

Patient God, how trying we must be. You have told us, you have shown us, you have come among us. Still, we look away, ignoring, forgetting, rejecting your purposes for us. Have mercy on us. Forgive us for what we have done, and for what have not done. Tell us again. Show us again. With grace anew, come among us again, so that we might start fresh, and receive the life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

Appalachian melody

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S PARDON – HYMN 567 – *Glory to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Congregation Standing (Those Who Are Able) ***Ushers Will Seat Worshipers

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*As a sign of their reconciliation in Christ, the people share the peace of Christ, greeting one another with these or similar words:
“The peace of Christ be with you,” “Peace be with you,” or simply, “Peace.”*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 55:1-9 (Old Testament, pages 644-645)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 63

Peter De Mets, cantor

Congregational Refrain:

In the morning I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

ANTHEM

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Me
Chancel Chimes, Carol Houghton, director

Kevin McChesny

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

K-2 children may leave for Cherub Choir rehearsal in the music room during the sermon.

All other children return to the pews to continue worshipping with their families.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 13:1-9 (New Testament, page 71)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Just Deserts?

Pastor Rosenau

***HYMN 93 – Ah, Holy Jesus**

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from A Brief Statement of Faith – PC(USA)**

One: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

All: **But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

One: Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

All: **Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

*Women: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
Men: like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,*

All: **God is faithful still.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, page 16)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

William M. Runyan/arr. Cindy Berry

Great Is Thy Faithfulness in the setting of Franz Liszt’s Liebestraum

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***HYMN 357 – O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

MARYTON

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Amen

Peter Lutkin

***POSTLUDE**

A Pompous March

Gordon Young