

March 5, 2017
First Sunday in Lent

Preparation for Worship – Please use this time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.

Prelude – “In the Cross”
Announcements
Choral Introit

William Held

*Call to Worship- I John 1:5-7

Minister: “This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Unison: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

*Hymn - “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#457

Word of Greeting – Please pass the Friendship Registers found on the right end of each row.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 51, Selection 17 p.1053 in Pew Bible

Confession of Sin (Unison) (based on Romans 3:10-12, Psalm 25:1-10)

Minister: Lord, we confess that there is no one righteous, no, not one.

People: No one understands; no one seeks for God. We all have turned aside; together we have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.

Minister: So to you, O LORD, do we lift up our souls. O LORD God, in you we trust. Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

People: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we do wait all the day long. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love. Remember not our sins and transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Minister: Therefore, we can now count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: For we do not have a righteousness of our own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; so now we may truly know Him and the power of His resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Psalm 5:11

“For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.”

*Hymn - “The God of Abraham Praise”

#34, v. 1-3, 6

*Confession of Faith – The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 56

Q. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

A. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

*Doxology

#731

Offertory

Offertory Music

(Children ages 4 up until age 6 may be dismissed for Children's Church at this time)

Scripture Reading

Sermon

The Reverend Mr. John Rug
MTW Missionary to Chile

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn – “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

#520, v.1-3

Words of Institution

The Bread (We will partake of the elements together,
The Cup after all have been served.)

*Hymn – “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

#520, v.4, 5

*Benediction

*Organ Postlude – “Postlude in A Minor”

H. Gotze

The Rev. Mr. David G. McKay, Minister
The Rev. Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr., Associate Minister
Mrs. Julie Covert, Organist and Choir Director

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our denomination's policy, in conformity with the Book of Church Order, is “to invite all those who profess the true religion, and are communicants in good standing in any evangelical church, or those approved by the Session, after having given indication of their desire to participate.”