

March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude – “O Darkest Woe” Wilbur Held
Announcements
Choral Introit

*Call to Worship – Hebrews 12:1, 2

Minister: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

Congregation: let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Minister: looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Congregation: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

*Hymn - “Praise the Savior Now and Ever” #243

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

Responsive Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 p.966 in Pew Bible

Confession of Sin (Unison) based on Psalm 51
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sins. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Unison) Psalm 51:7, 1 John 1:7

“Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow... and the blood of Jesus... purifies us from all sin.”

Morning Prayer

Ruling Elder David Collins

*Hymn - “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #247

*Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed p. 846 in Trinity Hymnal

*Doxology #731

Offertory

Offertory Anthem – “Via Dolorosa” Borop, Sprague/Fettke
(Children 4 until age 6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church)

Scripture Reading – Matthew 27:45, 46 p.834 in Pew Bible
Sermon The Reverend Mr. David G. McKay

LENTEN SERIES: “The Seven Last Words of Christ”

“CHRIST’S CRY OF SORROW”

*Hymn – “O Jesus, We Adore Thee” #255

*Benediction

*Postlude – “C Minor Postlude” S. Surzynski

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

Next Sunday we will 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.” If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Ruling Elders: David Collins, Bruce Longbottom, Rick McCready, or Don Murdock.