

ORDER OF WORSHIP - MARCH 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PRELUDE

God So Loved the World
arr. Albin Whitworth

Dr. James Humlong

INTROIT

Give Me Jesus
arr. Joel A. Ross

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

Friends of God, believe this –
God loved the world, God loves the world,
we are the beloved!
May the truth of this great love story,
shine through our worship today,
and renew our sense of calling.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN 98**

To God Be the Glory

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Bill Moore

Stephen Floyd Sizemore, Jr.

BAPTISMAL HYMN 611

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Philpot

ANTHEM

MOVE; Tom Beck, clarinet

Steal Away

arr. Howard Helvey

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joan Wooden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God, in Christ, you became sin for us.
You took what we are so that we might become who you are.
But we confess that often we ignore our sin.
We keep silent about the sin that clings to us.
But our sins are too great a burden for us. Forgive us.
In Christ take away our iniquity. You are our stronghold, our hiding place.
May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice and be glad in you and
the righteousness that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
In Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! Amen.**

HYMN 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

stanza 1

**The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Bishop Al Gwinn

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Carillon Choir; Bonnie Lynch, director

I Surrender All

Linda R. Lamb

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Loretta Barnes

John 3: 14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Jeremiah Day

***HYMN 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

arr. Don Hustad

This morning's liturgy:

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