

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 112.

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WORSHIP MARCH 15, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christopher Henry

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with
its tumult.

People: The Lord of Hosts is with us.

Leader: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All: Thanks be to God.

*** THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 457** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

** (The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake; yet, we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone, and we have wandered from your pathway. As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 473)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the Peace of Christ for special classes. Three-year-olds are in Room 204; Pre-K in G-11; K - 2nd grade in G-1; 3rd - 5th grades in G-3.)

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)

THE SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

Introduction

Sentences of Scripture

Questions to the Participants

Prayer (unison)

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these servants to this time and place. Establish in them your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope and love, and be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

THE FIRST READING Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (responsive) (page 518 in the pew Bible)

THE ANTHEM *Abide with Me* Martin

THE SECOND READING Matthew 14:22-36 (page 15 in the Pew Bible)

THE SERMON *Lenten Pilgrimage*

Sermon III:

“Why You Shouldn’t Read the Dow Jones Average” Joanna Adams

“But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’” Matthew 14:30

*** THE HYMN 286** *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY *Pilgrim’s Song* Tchaikovsky

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 379** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand* Eiland