Sunday, March 3, 2024, We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome Family Life and Work Family Celebrations Lighting of the Christ Candle: Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: I Will Enter His Gates

I will enter His gates With thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise, I will say this is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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Opening Hymn: My Hope is Built On Nothing Less (On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand)

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I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name

On Christ the solid rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils his lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil His oath, his covenant, his blood Supports me in the 'whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay

On Christ the solid rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in his righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne

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Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 19) The heavens speak of the glory of God! **All creation shouts out God's praise!** Day and night together proclaim God's greatness! **Words are too weak. Speech isn't able to reflect God's glory!** Yet may our words today bring honour to the Lord. **May our hearts meditate on the wonders of our Creator.**

Prayer of Approach:

Artist of souls, in the desert you sculpted a people for yourself from the rocks of wilderness and fasting.

Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, that the discipline of these forty days of Lent may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship, and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now hear us as we say together the words that Jesus taught,

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<u>We Listen</u>

First Reading: I Corinthians 1: 18-25

Children's Time: "The Top Ten"

Reading: John 2: 13-22

Sermon: "Foolish Wisdom"

Readings for Lent 4 (March 10, 2024): Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

We Respond

Offertory: We Are An Offering

All that we have, all that we are All that we hope to be We give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands We lift our lives up to You We are an offering

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands Lord use our lives they are Yours

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession Hymn: More Precious than Gold

> Walking in the dark I couldn't see Locked inside the lies of unbelief But then Your word it came to me A light unto my eyes Your law is good and true and pure and right

More precious than gold Sweeter than honey Reviving my soul Your testimony Your glory displayed in all creation Your living Word my meditation

Waiting for the coming of the King The One of whom we've heard the prophets speak Then Your Word it came to me A light unto my eyes The face of God revealed in Jesus Christ

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Closing Hymn: Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead Me Oh Lord Won't You Lead Me I Am Tired And I Need Thy Strength And Power To Guide Me Over My Darkest Hour For Just Open My Eyes That I May See

> Lead Me Oh Lord Won't You Lead Me Lead Me Guide Me Along The Way For If You Lead Me I Cannot Stray Or Just Open My Eyes That I May See

Lead Me Oh Lord Won't You Lead Me I Am Lost If You Take Your Hand From Me I Am Blind Without Try Light To See Lord Just Always Let Me Thy Servant Be

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Lord Just Open My Eyes That I May See Lead Me Oh Lord Won't You Lead Me

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you That you love one another as I have loved you That you love one another as I have loved you

By this shall all men know you are my disciples If you have love on for another. By this shall all men know you are my disciples If you have love on for another.