

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Third Sunday in Lent

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

When we confess and receive absolution together, we are reminded that none of our pathologies, neuroses, or sins, no matter how small or secret, affect only us. We are a church, a community, a family. We are not simply individuals with our pet sins and private brokenness. We are people who desperately need each other if we are to seek Christ and walk in repentance. If we are saved, we are saved together - as the body of Christ, as a church.

~ Tish Harrison Warren

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, God of all things lost and found.

All: We come together this morning to lift our praises and ask for your guidance.

One: We lay careful plans and we squint to see what lies ahead.

All: Yet when life hits, we often find ourselves overturned and underwater.

One: We come together this morning to be reminded and comforted that we are not alone in the struggle.

All: We are the confessing church, far from perfect, but reformed and always reforming. Together we are redeemed, we are the church. Let us worship God together!

*HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

GG: 415

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord, we've done it again. We've lost our keys, we've lost our temper, we've lost what we thought we had under control. We pause to repent again, together. We confess, in universal language, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We confess that we have

neglected to love you, God, with our whole hearts, and our neighbors as ourselves. We also confess the specifics of the when, where, what and why of our daily transgressions. Remind us Lord, that in repentance we find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, we experience worthiness, love, and mercy, and from that we learn to go and do likewise.

(A moment for silent examination and confession.)

Amen

ASURANCE OF PARDON

One: You are forgiven. Your sins are forgiven.

All: There are times we need to hear these words, spoken with authority, and from someone else, that their voice might rise above all the other voices within us that tell us we come up short and we are not okay.

One: You are forgiven. God's grace is sufficient for you.

*RESPONSE

What Wondrous Love Is This? (sing 2x)

**All: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss,
To send this precious peace, to my soul, to my soul!
To send this precious peace to my soul!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – George Robert Scialabba,
son of Christopher Scialabba and Katherine Barravechia

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (sing 4x) GG: 469

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 86:8-13, pg. 544

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:1-17, pg. 48

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Losing Keys” Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Down To the River To Pray* traditional American tune

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* tune GG: 606

All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: **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.**

*HYMN *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* GG: 649

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POSTLUDE *O Day Of Peace* Charles Callahan

*All who are able please stand. ***Latecomers seated.