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Sunday, March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Presbytery Liaison Emily Birch

CHORAL INTROIT *"A Jubilant Song"* – Pote Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 104*

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works.

People: **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

*HYMN *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"* No. 138

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Forgiving and ever merciful God, we praise You and adore You today. We give You thanks because each time we turn our back on You and deny You, You draw us closer. Forgive us for turning away, forgive us for denying You publicly, forgive us for putting finances, patriotism, security, and other necessities in front of serving You. We do not deserve to be called Your disciples, yet You draw us close. This Lenten season help us to take steps towards You. Through Jesus the betrayed, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE David Griffith
(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *"Ready"* – Smid Samantha Ingram

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 32:19-24 (NT p79)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 14:27-31 (OT p52)*

SERMON **SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MARK** Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
"How Did That Happen?"

*HYMN *"More Love to Thee"* No. 359

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"Cantate Domino"* (Sing to the Lord) – Page Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*HYMN *"Lift High the Cross"* No. 371

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

*POSTLUDE *"Allegro"* - Oosterstad

In our prayers today and your prayers this week please remember the following:

Those affected by the recent storms

Dale Groff ---recovering from bypass surgery

David Witmer ---recovering at home

Our sisters and brothers in our partner congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras, Presbytery of Mthatha (South Africa) and Donegal Presbytery. This week pray for:

Honduras: Manantial de Vida Congregation, Piedra Gorda

Mthatha: John Knox Bokwe Memorial Congregation

Donegal: Oromo Presbyterian Fellowship, Lancaster

In need of the prayer chain? Call Sandy Bernstorf (687-7276); if no answer, call Mary Taylor (464-4745)

Deacons for March: Marcia Carle (288-2284) & Sandy Hershey (768-8746)

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Presbytery Liaison Emily Birch

*Praise & Worship

Today is the Day

Joyful (The One Who Saves)

Do It Again

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message: David Griffith

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Scripture Readings

Exodus 32:19-24; Mark 14:27-31

SERMON SERIES: LENT IN MARK

“How Did That Happen?”

*Offering/Closing Song

Unbroken Praise

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

Next Week

Genesis 18:22-33

Mark 14:32-42

“Jesus the Betrayed”