

Sunday, March 10, 2019

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 *"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"* – Diemer

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 138*

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; You stretch out Your hand, and Your right hand delivers me.

People: **The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

*HYMN *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* No. 298

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, we thank You and praise You for the disciples and martyrs who proclaimed Your gospel and built the foundation for Your earthly church. We confess that we forget the truth -- that Your church was built on persecution and perseverance. That is what has made it strong. Forgive us when we scatter, not to serve the church, but to avoid the hard work of being the church. We pray this together as disciples and in the name of our leader, Jesus Christ. 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 *Tess Miller*
(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

ANTHEM *"Come, Peace of God"* – Butler Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 137 (OT p576)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 8:1-8 (NT p126)*

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OFFERTORY *"Christ, the Comforter of the World"* – Dupre

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

*POSTLUDE *"Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul"* – Reger

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