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*HOLY COMMUNION
FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT*

(You are invited to stand as you are able
(**BOLD-FACED TYPE**) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

Prelude

Chorale Prelude "Vater Unser Im Himmelreich" J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
BWV 636 {Our Father Who Art In Heaven} Public Domain

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

We stand in the temple of the universe,
the holy place where God dwells.

We worship in awe and gratitude.

We gather in the temple of the Body of Christ,
where God is lovingly present for us.

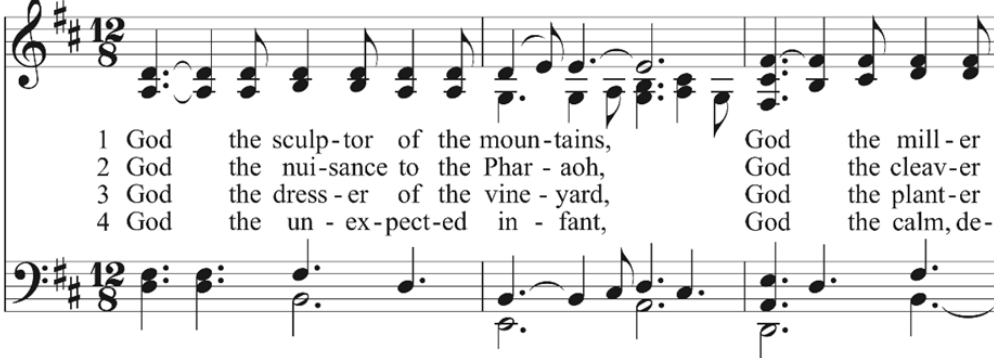
We worship in love and peace.

Our own bodies are temples of God,
where the Spirit works miracles.

**We worship in humility,
with open hearts.**

**Grant us forgiveness and life,
and receive our gifts.**

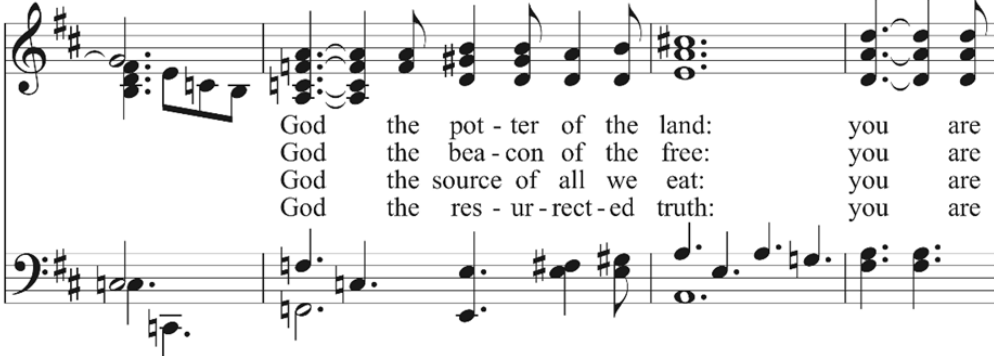
21 God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1 God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mill-er
2 God the nui-sance to the Phar - aoh, God the cleav-er
3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant-er
4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de-



of the sand, God the jewel-er of the heav - ens,
of the sea, God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,
of the wheat, God the reap - er of the har - vest,
ter-mined youth, God the ta - ble-turn-ing proph - et,



God the pot - ter of the land: you are
God the bea - con of the free: you are
God the source of all we eat: you are
God the res - ur - rect - ed truth: you are



womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.
fount of all de - liv - 'rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.
host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.
pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION **

**Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls,
at this mid-point in the Lenten journey,
look deep within our hearts and our lives,
and clear away all that holds us back.**

**May our minds, spirits and bodies
be a Temple that is open to Your presence:
and may our words and our actions
be transparent to Your love and truth.**

**We pray that this church community,
will be purified in its life and mission,
so that all that we do in and from here
may reveal Your Gospel to others.**

We pray in your name.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE ***

Friends of Jesus, we are made clean
by the words he has spoken to us.

There is room in our lives and in our community,
for the Holy One to dwell.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Exodus 20: 1-17](#) (Pg. 582) **

ANTHEM: [Locus Iste](#) Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

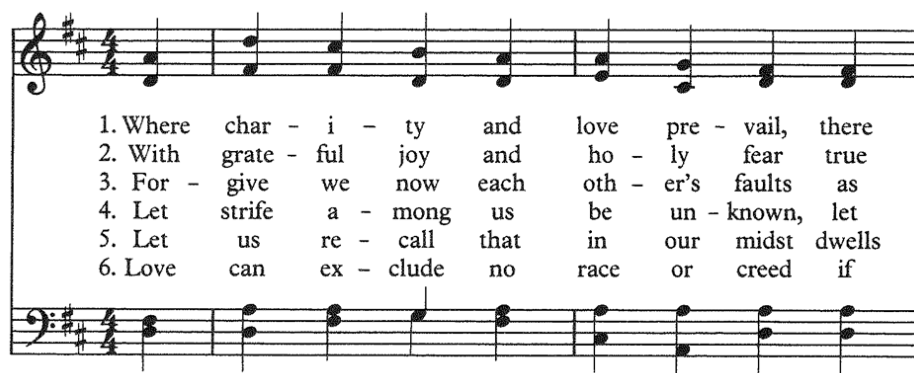
This place was made by God, a priceless mystery; it is without reproof.

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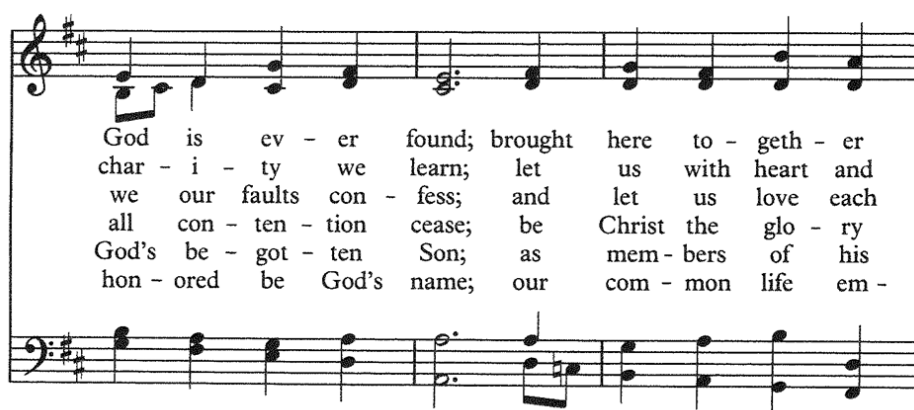
A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

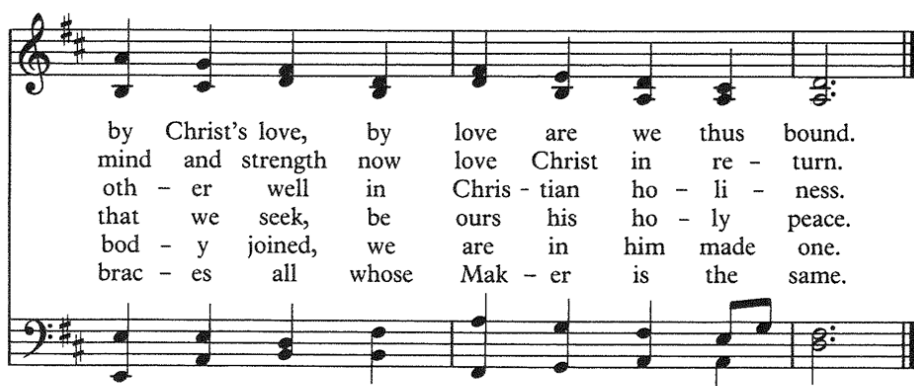
549 Where Charity and Love Prevail



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let
5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells
6. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if



God is ev - er found; brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess; and let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; be Christ the glo - ry
God's be - got - ten Son; as mem - bers of his
hon - ored be God's name; our com - mon life em -



by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.
oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
bod - y joined, we are in him made one.
brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

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***GOSPEL LESSON:**

John 2:13-22

(Pg. 813) **

For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men. A - men."

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844

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SERMON

People of the New-Covenant 3
"Keeping What Belongs to God Sacred"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

614 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1. For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your
3. With our saint - ed ones in glo - ry seat - ed
4. In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us, in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at the heav - enly board, may the church that's wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
sent us, let your king - dom come, O Lord.

WORDS: Louis F. Benson, 1924 (Mt. 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:15-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26) FOR THE BREAD
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Let Us Be Bread

Refrain



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared,



life for the world. Let us be wine, love free - ly poured.



Let us be one in the Lord.

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INVITATION TO PRAYER:

Leader: "The Lord be with you "

People: "And also with you..."

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER SONG *see music above*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During this time, we are grateful for your continuing financial support of our ministries.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

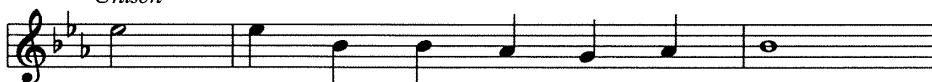
94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

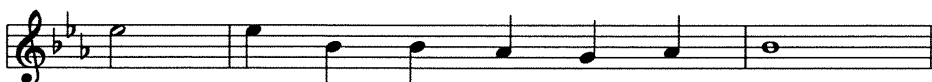
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony
Unison

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)
Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offertory Prayer:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you....

And also with you.

Lift Up Your hearts.....

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.....

It is right to give our thanks and praise

..... *and all the company of heaven*

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Elise Eslinger

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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..... *in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.....*

Memorial Acclamation

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Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a gain!

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..... *all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.*

The Great Amen

Elise Eslinger



A - men, a - men a - - men.

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The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

Communion is Celebrated

At this time in your homes, please feel free to share the bread and the cup as you are able and know that we are still connected in the family of God.

Prayer Following Communion:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

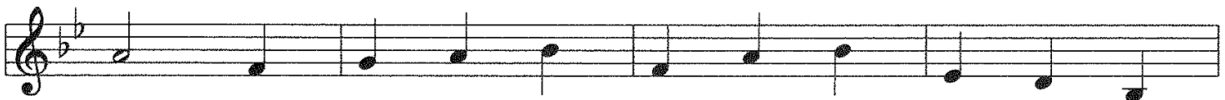
***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Together We Serve

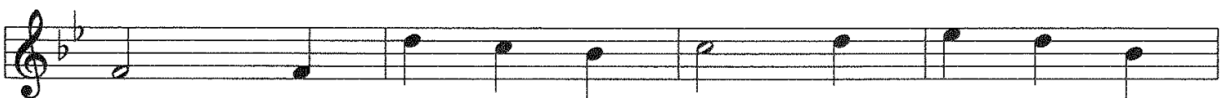
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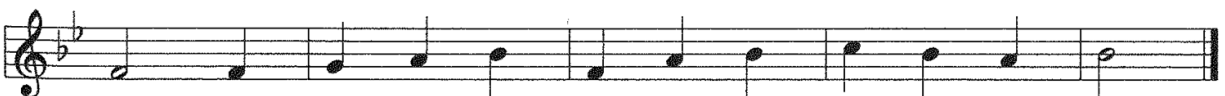
1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by
2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of
3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the
4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and



love, in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous
hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the
poor, the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need
work, re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow



feast. We work and we pray through sor - row and
feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine
care. We of - fer a home to those who will
strong. To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and



joy, ex - tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
through un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
come, our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
truth, re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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***BENEDICTION**

VOLUNTARY

Volunteers Assisting with Worship today:

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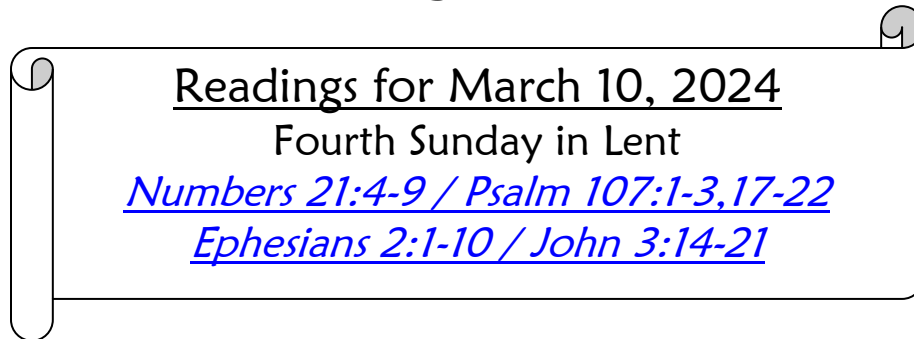
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Looking Ahead



Readings for March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent
[Numbers 21:4-9 / Psalm 107:1-3,17-22](#)
[Ephesians 2:1-10 / John 3:14-21](#)

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