9:00 a.m. ***Devotional Service*** *March 19, 2023*

Welcome to the 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Welcome and Life in the Community

*Hymn 401 ***Here in this Place*** *(Gather Us In)* GATHER US IN

*Trusting in God's Grace

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
People: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Leader: Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.
People: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
People: Wait for the Lord! (Psalm 27)
Leader: May the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Lenten Wreath ***Wait for the Lord*** (Hymn 90) Taizé
(The fourth candle on the Lenten Wreath is extinguished for the Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Genesis 37:1-11; 45:1-5 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 32-33 and 40-41 in the pew Bible.]

Philippians 2:1-5 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 186 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon ***Wrestling with Pride*** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirmation of Faith and ***Gloria Patri*** (No. 581)

Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death— even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.
(Phil. 2:5-11)

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

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 761 ***Called as Partners in Christ's Service*** BEECHER

*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

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*All those who are able, please stand.

The 9:00 a.m. Service has a long tradition of lay worship leadership. This includes both the message and the prayers. If you would like to participate, please speak with Vance.