

WORSHIP KIT
March 20, 2022—3rd Sunday of Lent 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: “Aria Lament” Donald Moore

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” TWC 638 (verse one only repeating second half of verse)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.

Many: Those who believe in Christ will never die.

One: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

Many: We are God’s people; the Lord is our God.

One: Keep pressing on toward the goal:

Many: the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ

***OPENING HYMN: “Praise My Soul, The King Of Heaven” TWC 26**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

To set the mind on the flesh is death. Focused only on our own interests, we cannot see God. The law of God is foreign to us, and we are hostile to its demands. Come now to the promise of life as we confess our sin.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Out of the depths we cry to you, God. Hear our prayers, the confession of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in your place. Like the House of Israel in Ezekiel's time, we are cut off from communion with you. We are like dead people, going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know you and to live in reverence before you. By your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus says to us, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see that glory of God?" Arise, in faith and trust, knowing that God will give life to our mortal bodies through the spirit who dwells in and

among us . We are not slaves to the flesh. God has made us to be instruments of self-giving love, who find life by giving it away. As God has invested in us, we are free to invest ourselves in ministry to others. Praise God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

TWC 805

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 55: 1-9

SOLO "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen"

Spiritual, arr. Harry Burleigh

Philip Aley, Vocalist

SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

SERMON "Come Closer"

Rev. Bob Ruefle

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Apostle Creed**

***HYMN "God Till Take Care Of You" TWC 619 (V1, 2,&4)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

God has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Let us now pause as we offer our tithes and offerings including the offering of our lives.

OFFERTORYMUSIC: "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen"

Spiritual, arr. Burleigh

***DOXOLOGY**

TWC 809

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lift us up, O God, as we invest ourselves in sharing the good news with the world. Increase our gifts of time and treasure, that all who are drained of hope might have their minds set on the Spirit. May the Spirit raise them to new life as we celebrate the resurrection Jesus promised to Lazarus and to all who trust and follow where God leads. Amen.

***HYMN: "In Christ There Is No East Or West"**

TWC 697

***CHARGE AND BENEDICION**

May the Spirit of the triune God strengthen and sustain you, all throughout these forty days and into the life that is to come. Go in peace, proclaiming the message of reconciliation God has entrusted to us. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" TWC 840

***POSTLUDE: " Voluntary On St. Peter (final hymn)"**

arr. Raymond Haan