

Celebration of Worship

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

9:30am Service in the Sanctuary

Entering into Worship

Prelude "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"...Hustad, Walther, J.S. Bach

Life in the Church

Offering Praise

Call to Worship

Have Mercy

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Invocation

*Hymn of Praise #45 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Psalm of Penitence From Psalm 38

O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, or discipline me in Your wrath.

For Your arrows have sunk into me, and Your hand has come down on me.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone over my head;

they weigh like a burden too heavy for me...

O Lord, all my longing is known to You; my sighing is not hidden from You.

My heart throbs, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me...

I confess my iniquity;

I am sorry for my sin...

Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, do not be far from me;

make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

*Prayer of Confession

We confess to You, Lord, what we are. We are not the people we like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our selves. But we do not want to hide our true selves from You. We believe You know us as we are, and yet You love us. Help us not shrink from self-knowledge; teach us to respect ourselves for Your sake; give us courage to put our trust in You.

Silent prayer for forgiveness

Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask You to break their bondage and set them free. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship in Stewardship

Please sign the Communication Card and place in the offering plate.

Offertory "Medley of the Cross"...arr. Helvey

*Doxology #809 and Prayer of Dedication

Children, Kindergarten-4th grade, are dismissed to KidTown on the 3rd floor.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Morning Message Pastor Mark Abbott

"THE WAY TO UP IS DOWN"

Series: "The Greatest Story Ever Told"

Next Sunday: "The Friend Who Denied Him"

(Mark 14:53-71)

