

Jesus  
offered up  
prayers and  
supplications,  
with  
loud cries  
and tears,  
to the one  
who was able  
to save him  
from death ...

Hebrews 5:7



# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

"Benedictus"

Rowley

Call to Worship

Blessed be the God of our salvation

***who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.***

This is the day the Lord has made.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

\* Hymn 465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Redeeming God,***

***we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,***

***and have not loved our neighbors as we ought;***

***we have strayed from your commandments.***

***Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities,***

***that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more,***

***through Christ our Lord.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Kyrie

James MacMillan

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Christ, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

***Lord, have mercy.***

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-5:10 (NT, p. 220)

Psalter: Psalm 119:9-16 (Hymnal 64)

A Time with Children

Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Karissa Dennis

Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33 (NT, p. 106)

Sermon: "How Far Can Christ Reach?"

Rev. Carter

*Lenten sermon series: The Word of the Cross*

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. Wood

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Amen (601)

\* Postlude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Kimball

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.  
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* All who are able shall stand.

***The flowers*** this morning have been given by JoAnn Hall to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Fritz.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Meg Hatch
Ushers	Steve Selige, Hadley Gilbert
Greeters	Jack and Barbara Pittman

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