

3rd Sunday in Lent March 7, 2021 10:00am

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Gathering and Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls.

**All: For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.**

One: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways.

**All: For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.**

One: The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts..

**All: For we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power. O come, let us worship the Lord!**

Opening Hymn                      “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”                      No. 211, v. 1-3

Opening Prayer

**Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ,**

**our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

Scripture Reading                      1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Hymn of Preparation                      “Where Charity and Love Prevail”                      No. 549

Scripture Reading                      John 2:13-22

Sermon                      Wisdom and Foolishness                      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn                      “Lord of the Dance”                      No. 261

Thank You

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**