

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021 at 10 o'clock



"Wisdom cannot be imparted. Wisdom that a wise man attempts to impart always sounds like foolishness to someone else... Knowledge can be communicated, but not wisdom. One can find it, live it, do wonders through it, but one cannot communicate and teach it."

--Hermann Hesse, Siddhartha

PRELUDE

Here Yet Awhile
From the Saint Matthew Passion

J. S. Bach

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

One: The world finds no proof of God.

Many: But the heavens tell of God's glory.

One: God's message is foolishness to the world.

Many: But God's folly trumps human wisdom.

One: The freedom of the world brings us death.

Many: But obedience to God's ways brings life.

One: We gather in the name of Christ crucified.

Many: The Word made flesh brings life to God's people!

HYMN #276

We Gather Together
Join as you are able!

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**We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us,
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.**

**Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you
ordaining, maintaining the power of life.
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.**

OPENING PRAYER

O Wise God

**You have come to us in the form of a vulnerable child;
You teach us that the last are first and the first, last;
You lead us on a Way to new life that leads through death.**

Truly your wisdom is different than ours!

Meet us in this place and teach us your foolish wisdom

And your vulnerable power;

Give us joy to receive it fully

And courage to live it foolishly,

Through Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and Word.

Amen.

The Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and The Rev. Susan A. Blain

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

SELECTION

Celtic Laud

Craig Courtney

The First Church Choir, Christopher Vece, pipes

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25](#)

Beverli Christensen

SERMON

A Foolish Message

Amie Giguere

WE REMEMBER

Each year on the Sunday of our church's Annual Meeting, we take time to name and remember those among our congregation who have died this past year. It is a sacred moment and one that we believe to be fitting and appropriate in the context of worship.

Please remember with us:

Bob Carroll, Hugh Cobrain, Ellen Fisher, Norma Freedman, Dorothy Goodwin, Louise Johnson, Sally Johnson, Betty Leete, Virginia Peterson, Ruth Selden, Evelyn Smith

A TIME OF 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.

A WORD FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS

The Bridge

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Offertory

Durch Adams Fall
"When Adam Fell"

Gottfried August Homilius

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN #207

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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Join as you are able!

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there, that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel