

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2006; Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Reflection: “We are called on not to mirror but to challenge culture, not to sustain but to upend the status quo, and if that to some sounds overly bold, isn’t it true that God is always beckoning us toward horizons we aren’t sure we want to reach?” - William Sloane Coffin

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit

Call to Worship From Psalm 24

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

ALL: And who shall stand in the holy place?

Leader: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

ALL: Who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**ALL: And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the God of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this God of glory?

ALL: The Lord of hosts is the God of glory.

* **Hymn #8** *Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we who gather in your house confess that too often it is the house itself that we see rather than your presence that we experience. We fail to hear your voice because we attend to the voices of the world that create confusion for our spirits and constrict our souls. O God, we admit that we are enticed by the things of worship rather than the power of your Holy Spirit seeking to be at work within us. Forgive us, O God, and restore within us the openness of our youth truly to believe in the stories of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Choral Response

Declaration of Forgiveness

* **Hymn # 316** *Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.*

Sharing the Peace

Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing* - Maria Gagliardi

Announcements

Children’s Message John Guzewich

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Exodus 20: 1-17

Anthem

Gospel Reading John 2: 13 - 22

Sermon *Lessons from Sunday School* – Harriet Sandmeier

* **Hymn # 388** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

* **Hymn # 591** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

* Prayer of Dedication

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

* Hymn # 445 *Great Day!*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*

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Participants

Ministers	All the People
Visiting Worship Leader	Harriet Sandmeier, Stated Clerk
Organist and Choir Director	Michael Shapiro
Lay Reader	Ernie Quick
Ushers	Arnold Finck & Robert Moore
Deacon of the Month	Cass Ludington
Coffee Hour Deacons	Margaret Allen, Cathy Shiga-Gattullo

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the Narthex and join us for coffee hour to learn more about the life of this church. Speakers are installed in the choir room in the Parish House so parents of infants and toddlers may hear the service.

Weekly Gatherings: Tuesdays, 10 A.M.: Tai Chi; Wednesdays, 10 A.M.: Play Group; 12:15 P.M.: Bible Study; Thursdays, 8 P.M.: Choir Rehearsal; Fridays, 10 A.M.: Chair Tai Chi. Please check the bulleting insert for other events.



*We are a Christian community welcoming
all as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*

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