



“He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.”

- John 2:15*b*

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens tell of the glory of God; and the sky proclaims God's handiwork.

People: One day speaks to another, and each night shares knowledge with the next.

Leader: There is no speech, there are no words; no one hears their voice;

**People: Yet their wisdom goes out through all the world,
their message to the ends of the earth.**

*HYMN #152

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Charles Dickerson

**I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.**

**There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;**

**While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Gracious God, we come together in your house, in your presence, to seek your wisdom and truth. Yet we do not always hear what you would say to us, or live as you would hope. We confuse our own wishes with your intentions. We put other things in your place. Forgive us. Help us keep our focus – to remember your grace and care for us and for all your children. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John Fitzgerald

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"Deep River" – arr. M. Hogan
Baritone Perry Hayes

Althea Waites

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

April Herron

THE LORD'S 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

#95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

- John 2:13-22

Jesus cleanses the temple

John Fitzgerald

SERMON

"Spring House Cleaning"

Jonathan Chute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jonathan Chute

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

April Herron

*HYMN #444

"O Young and Fearless Prophet"

Charles Dickerson

**O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee,
Thy life is still a summons to serve humanity;
To make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,
To stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed.**

**O young and fearless Prophet, we need thy presence here,
Amid our pride and glory to see thy face appear;
Once more to hear thy challenge above our noisy day,
Again to lead us forward along God's holy way.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE

"Money Changes Everything"

3rd service ensemble

3rd service ensemble:

Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director

Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music

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