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Sunday Worship

February 28, 2016 – 10:00 AM

Third Sunday in Lent

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

***Gathering Song:** Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love; take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be my royal throne.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Song of Praise:** Only You

No one but you, Lord, can satisfy the longing in my heart. Nothing I do, Lord, can take the place of drawing near to you.

Only you can fill my deepest longing. Only you can breathe in me new life. Only you can fill my heart with laughter. Only you can answer my heart's cry.

Father, I love you. Come satisfy the longing in my heart. Fill me, overwhelm me until I know your love deep in my heart.

***All:** Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

(10:1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Song: How Priceless

Your love reaches high up to the heavens so high above. Your love covers me. I find shelter under Your wings. *(Chorus:)* How priceless, how precious is Your unfailing love. How priceless, how precious Is Your unfailing love.

I drink from Your river. Your living water is my delight. I feast at Your table. In Your light, I see light. *(Chorus)* Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain. Your justice is deeper than the sea. Your priceless love was poured out for me. You shed Your blood and You died for me! You gave Your life for me! *(Chorus twice)*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

(13:1-9)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

*Priest: Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of the People

Leader: In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

Leader: For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For candidates for baptism and confirmation, that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, especially _____, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For those whose calling and ministry is with families with young children to be added to this fellowship, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all law enforcement officers, EMT's, firefighters, military personnel that they would be guided in every way by your Spirit, we pray to you O, Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For State Farm Insurance, David G. Greene, Agent, that the kingdom of God would spread throughout the area and that business would increase, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the clergy and people of St. Mary's, Fleeton; St. Stephen's, Heathsville; St. Bartholomew's, Richmond; St. Matthew's, Richmond; St. Peter's, Richmond; St. Philip's, Richmond; All Souls, Atlee; and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg.that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For enhancement of our common life in Jesus' Name through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of our entire region as a region of hope for the world, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God:

All: To you, O Lord our God.

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Exchange of Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Everything Cries Holy

(Verse)

We see the Lord, and He is high upon the throne and His glory fills the heavens and the earth. One like a lamb Who was slain is on the throne so I cast my crown before you and bow down to praise.

(Chorus)

For everything cries holy, O, everything cries holy, O, everything cries holy to You, Lord. For everything cries holy, O, everything cries holy, O, everything cries holy to You, Lord.

***Doxology:** 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.

***Eucharistic Prayer A**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All (spoken): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: The Father's Song

I have heard so many songs, listened to a thousand tongues, but there is one that sounds above them all. The Father's song, the Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity it's written on my heart.

(Chorus:) Heaven's perfect melody, the Creator's symphony. You are singing over me, the Father's song. Heaven's perfect mystery. The King of love has sent for me and now you're singing over me, the Father's song.

***Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

***Blessing**

***Song of Dismissal: New Song**

Your ways, oh Lord, are good and faithful, no one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame; You turned my sorrow into dancing, You turned my tears to joy.

(Chorus:) You've given my heart a new song, and my heart can't be silent anymore for I am not afraid to do your will, Lord, cause to live is Christ, to die is gain.

When I'm afraid you give me shelter; when I am weak you give me strength; I cried for mercy and you healed me; You brought me up from the grave. *(Chorus)*

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd (Jr. & Sr.)
The Symphony Retirement Community
John Madden
Graham Family

Carl Burton
Allie & Jenni Morris
Bill Morgan and family

Rachel Pisarz
Ken Killian
Joseph Moore

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Larry Kidd
Michie Lloyd

Junior Warden: Richard Walker
Libby Clark

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalcers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
Feb 28	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker	Susan Kidd, Richard Walker	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
Mar 6	Bill Weatherford	Bobbie LeViness	Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
Mar 13	Jack Martin	MJ Weatherford	Jack Martin, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Mar 20	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
Mar 27	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
Apr 3	Bill Weatherford	Bobbie LeViness	Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, March 2	Color Me Friends	St. Francis	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 6	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 9	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
	Theology on Tap	TBA	7:00 p.m.
	Caregiver's Support Group	Hedy Walker's	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 13	Worship Service followed by pot Luck	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

St. Francis Yard Sale, April 30, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - St. Francis will rent spaces to vendors for \$15 per space. Vendors will provide their own tents, tables, and chairs. For more information, please contact Libby Clark: lcp@libbyclarkphotography.com

Financial Update - If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2016			
January	\$3,135.00	\$7,168.92	(\$4,033.92)
February	\$9,805.00	\$6,200.52	\$3,604.48
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
1st Quarter	\$12,940.00	\$13,369.44	(\$429.44)
2016 Year-To-Date	\$12,940.00	\$13,369.44	(\$429.44)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2016	\$24,421.33	\$23,991.89	(\$429.44)

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