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Sunday Worship

March 6, 2016 – 10:00 AM

Fourth 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:** The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spredst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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:** Jesus Messiah

He became sin, Who knew no sin. That we might become His Righteousness. He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread. His blood, the wine. Broken and poured out all for love. The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing. Love so amazing. *(Chorus)*

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

***All:** Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians

(5:16-21)

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song: Here I Am To Worship**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

(Chorus:) Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely. Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above, humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. *(Chorus)*

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. *(2 times)*

Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely. Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me. *(2 times)*

Here I am to worship.

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

(15:1-3, 11b-32)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and

to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 Yardworks that business would increase and all employees be provided for, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the clergy and people of St. Paul's, Haymarket; Grace, The Plains; All Saints, Richmond; Our Saviour, Charlottesville; All Souls, Atlee; 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 the Board of Supervisors of Goochland County that they would have wisdom and energy from the Holy Spirit to make sound decisions for the common good of all, 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: Awesome Beauty

Lord of all creation, we gladly bow to you. King of every nation, we give our hearts to you. My soul finds rest in you alone. I will not be shaken. May your ways be known in all the Earth for you are above all others.

(Chorus:) Awesome beauty, perfect faithfulness, endless mercy, mighty lamb.

Lord of all creation, we gladly bow to you. King of every nation, we give our hearts to you. Those who look to you are radiant. I won't be ashamed. May your ways be known in all the Earth for you are above all others.

(Chorus)

***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: All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak come to the fountain, dip your heart in the streams of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy as the deep cries out to deep, we sing:

(Chorus:) Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak come to the fountain, dip your heart in the streams of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy as the deep cries out to deep, we sing:

(Chorus:) Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

***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: I Will Hold On

My times are in your hands. I know I'll never understand, but I'll trust in you. Sometimes my heart grows cold. I'm sorry when I take control. How I'm needing You.

And even when I fall, You help me stand. Even when I'm lost, You take my hand.

(Chorus:) I will hold on, I will hold on, I will hold on, Yes, I will trust in you.

My life is in your hands. You hold the key to who I am and I'll trust in you. Sometimes my heart is stone. I'm sorry when I walk alone. How I'm needing You.

And even when I fall, You help me stand. Even when I'm lost, You take my hand. *(Chorus 2 times)*

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

Register: Marian Elam

Junior Warden: Richard Walker

Libby Clark

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>
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:

Sunday, March 6	The Parke, Worship and Pot Luck	The Walker's	5:30 p.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	\$10,107.00	\$8,165.44	\$1,941.56
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
1st Quarter	\$13,242.00	\$15,334.36	(\$2,092.36)
2016 Year-To-Date	\$13,242.00	\$15,334.36	(\$2,092.36)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2016	\$24,421.33	\$22,328.97	(\$2,092.36)

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