



Artwork by Malik Woody

A Compassionate Table

4th Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Rod Gorby

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Jim Mabry

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day.

Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.

*Hymn No. 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Call to Confession

Jim Mabry

Prayer of Confession

Jim Mabry

Loving God, there is enough evil within us to dampen our confidence.

Sometimes there is enough doubt in us to swamp our faith.

Some days there is enough weariness in us to swamp our hopefulness.

There is enough apathy within us to smother our compassion.

Yet, thankfully there is also enough hunger in us to keep us unhappy.

And enough discontent in us to make us return home to Your love.

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

(Silent reflection)

God of monumental patience and of prodigal mercy,

Forgive Your people their numerous sins, have pity on our pride and folly, lead us to the fountain of Your grace, and wash us thoroughly from all that defiles us.

Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jim Mabry

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace

Jim Mabry

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(During the Passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward for the time with our young disciples.)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Leigh Ramsey

*(After the children's time, children are invited to return to worship with their families.
Parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment.)*

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-2, 11-31 (*pew Bible p. 850*)

Brad Clayton

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

A Compassionate Table

Brad Clayton

Response to the Word

Offering

I Will Arise

Chancel Choir

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are then thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love. Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Brad Clayton

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name, the name of the Lord. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

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Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus, until You come in glory.

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Words of Institution

Brad Clayton

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Hymn No. 22

God of the Sparrow

Hymn No. 529

You Are My All in All

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Shannon Guse

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.

*Hymn No. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Sending Out Into the World

*Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

*Congregational Response

Amen

Hymnal p. 601

Postlude

Rod Gorby

Furthest Pew volunteers will process out to extend Holy Communion to our shut-in community.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Charles Apgar and in loving memory of Mary Apgar and Bert & Laura Bratton, given by Bob & Drin Apgar

Easter Lily Orders. TODAY is the deadline to order an Easter lily in memory of honor of a loved one. Order forms are available in the brochure rack in the sanctuary lobby, the church office, and online.

Vacation Bible School Registration is now open! To register, visit the children's page on our website, www.faithpcusa.org. This year's VBS is June 18-22. The theme is *Rolling River Rampage*, where rafters experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, rafters discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. If you are interested in volunteering at VBS this year, please contact Leigh Ramsey, leigh@faithpcusa.org.

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Wednesday Night Alive. There is no Wednesday Night Alive this week due to Spring Break. See you on the 21st.

Next Sunday Trinity Whitley's sermon will be *An Interrupted Table*, based on Luke 7:36-50. A Pharisee named Simon invites Jesus over for a meal. But when Jesus sat at the table, the meal was interrupted by a woman off the street. She came and anointed Jesus' feet while others were offended. But Jesus praises the woman for her devotion and wonders why the Pharisee lacks the same dedication. Would we be willing to interrupt the table, to interrupt our lives, to interrupt the status quo to show our devotion to God? Maybe . . . if we truly realized how devoted God is to us.

Book Talk. Everyone is invited to Book Talk on Thursday, **March 22**, 10 a.m. in the Library to discuss *Turtles All The Way Down* by John Green.

Church Workday. Come help spruce up the grounds and buildings for Easter. Join the fun and fellowship on Saturday, **March 24**. We'll gather at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for coffee, juice and doughnuts then divide into work teams. Bring your tools and your family!

Palm Cross Workshop is Saturday, **March 24**, 9 a.m. in Room 110, to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday. A Filipino lunch will be provided. Contact Peter Ray, 544-5788, for more information.

Holy Week at Faith:

Wednesday, March 28: regular Wednesday Night Alive dinner and programs

Thursday, March 29: Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion, 6 p.m., Sanctuary.

Friday, March 30: Good Friday Taize Service, 6 p.m., Sanctuary.

Saturday, March 31: Easter Workshop & Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

Easter Sunday, April 1: 9:30 a.m., Breakfast, Fellowship Hall (no Sunday School)
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship, Sanctuary

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$217,512

Received YTD: \$232,631

Spent YTD: \$198,746

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