

*O Lord Jesus Christ,
The Way, the Truth, and the Life:
Do not let us stray from you, the Way,
Nor to distrust you, the Truth,
Nor to rest in anything other than you, the Life.*

Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536)

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 a.m.

March 5, 2006

**Asterisks indicate times in the service when all stand as they are able.*
Bold type indicates when the congregation responds in unison.*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. M. Ham

CHORAL INTROIT *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* K. Thomerson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and to be servants of all.

A season to remember Jesus' question, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

A season to ask ourselves how we, like Simon the Cyrene, might help to bear the cross.

A season to ask ourselves how we, like the crowd, misunderstand the witness of Jesus.

A season to ask ourselves how we, like Peter, are afraid and turn away.

A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with the fine ointment, have to offer.

A season to give sacrificially to others, following the example of Jesus Christ.

A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.

A season to proclaim with Mary Magdalene that Christ is not dead, but alive! So let us worship God with songs of praise!

*HYMN #361 *How Firm A Foundation* FOUNDATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy. We have not always walked in your way, nor sought what is good. We have doubted your power to protect us.

Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. In mercy renew us and bring us to life, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*CONFESSION RESPONSE (with Cantor)

R. Proulx

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*THE PEACE

Because God has forgiven us in Christ, let us also forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

*CONG. RESPONSE

Give To Us Your Peace

1st time - Choir; 2nd time – All

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Genesis 9: 8-17

O.T. 7

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALTER (with Cantor)

Psalm 25

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 9-15

N.T. 33
N.T. 1-2

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

SILENT REFLECTION

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN #81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. FLAVIAN

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Present at Our Table, Lord

Arlen Clark

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(All wishing to partake of communion may come to the front using the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisles. When you come to the servers, tear a small piece of bread from the loaf and dip it in the cup before partaking. Those unable to come forward will be served in their seats.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, our hunger is never better satisfied than at your table. We praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Use our energies, gifts, and lives for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #344

Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

O Jesu, Thou Our Hearts' Desire Bach/adpt. Rutherford

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

A WORD ABOUT THE SERVICE

A Special Word of Welcome to all who are visitors with us this morning. We hope that you will feel at home in our community of faith as we worship the living God together. Should you have any questions about Trinity, or be interested in exploring membership, please be in touch with our pastor, Heidi Hudnut-Beumler at 297-6513.

Ritual of Friendship –We ask that, during the time of welcome and announcements, everyone sign and pass the friendship pads located at the end of each pew, noting the names of those seated next to and nearby them so that they may greet them by name following the worship service.

Devices for Hearing Impairments—The Sanctuary is equipped with devices for use by people with hearing impairments. The devices are located in the Narthex on the stand beside the entrance to the sanctuary. These devices are helpful for many with hearing loss. Please don't let a hearing impairment keep you from worshiping at Trinity Presbyterian Church! To locate these devices or for instructions on their use, please speak to an usher.

Tapes of the Service are being made in the church office on Mondays now, and will again be available to members who are unable to attend the service. If you know of anyone who would like to receive a tape, along with a copy of the bulletin, please call 297-6513 and request that a copy be made and delivered to him/her.

Parents, please escort your children any time they need to leave the sanctuary. Childcare is available for pre-school children and younger. All other children are encouraged to participate in worship. On the small pews at the back of the sanctuary, there are worship bags with individual names on the front for all of the children who regularly attend Trinity. In addition, there are unmarked bags for visiting children. Please encourage your child to pick one up as you enter.

Since the Focus of Our Weekly Service for the Lord's Day is the worship of God, all that we do in this service is an offering. If the congregation responds to musical offerings, we ask that they do so by saying, "Amen," or "Alleluia," rather than applaud.