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Third Week of Lent: Mid-week Service

7:00 PM

WELCOME PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on James 4:8, 10)

L: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

P: Humble yourselves before the Lord, and God will exalt you.

L: O Lord, help us through our worship to draw closer to you.

P: Help us to be humble and to seek your way.

HYMN NO. 190 (black hymnal)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 198(black hymnal, refrain, vs 2, refrain) Lift High the Cross ALL SING: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-11 ~ Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a servant and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

TOGETHER WE LEARN AND UNDERSTAND

Diane Strine

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM Speak, O Lord Keith Getty & Stuart Townend/arr. Ferguson

TIME OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

HYMN NO. 207 (black hymnal)

Just as I Am

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's Invalid's Hymn Book, published in England in 1836 Disabled at age thirty she

Tune: WOODWORTH L.M.