

ALL SOULS CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 14th, 2010

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2nd Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

COME LET US WORSHIP THE LORD

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship in Song and in Word

Prayer for Each Day, GIA Pub. 1997 & Psalm 32: 10 & 11 (lectionary reading)

O Christ, Savior, like the seed fallen to the ground, you suffered death. United to you, our lives will bear much fruit.

We praise you, Lord.

O Christ, you went down to the lowest point of the human condition; you remain close to all who are abandoned.

We praise you, Lord.

In your love, you took upon yourself our sins; innocent, you accepted death to free us from death. **We praise you, Lord.**

By your love you conquered evil and hatred and you live forever at the Father's side. **We praise you, Lord.**

You listen to us in your goodness, and you visit us in our places of despair;

fill our hearts to overflowing by revealing to us the light of your face. **We praise you, Lord.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

ALL: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Prayer of Invocation, Songs of Engagement, Exaltation, Adoration

Song of Confession ~ Silence (for reflection and self-examination)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Michael J. O'Connell, 20th Cent. UMC Book of Worship

We are reluctant, O Author of Love, to set aside our hurt, our anger, our disappointment. Heal us with your tender touch, that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts, all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution. Open our eyes to the power of love shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 32:1-5 (lectionary reading)* Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit... I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Introduction of New Members ~ Pass the Peace of Christ ~ Children are dismissed to their classes

Offerings

adapted from the Worship Sourcebook

Jesus, as you offered your life for us to remove our dreadful curse, may we respond with gratitude. As your forgiven and reconciled people, we now offer these gifts as evidence of our time and labor, presenting the substance of our souls and our lives to your ministry of reconciliation in this world. May this offering be as a pleasing fragrance in your presence. Amen.

an offering in song from Troy McNeil ~ Doxology ~ Dedication of Offerings

Pastoral Prayer led by David Gayk, member of the Shepherding Team

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Leviticus 14:33-53 ~ read by Lisa Murray

God's Holy People: Holy Houses ~ sermon by Doug Banister

Let Us Wait Upon the Lord (a time of listening prayer and response)

TASTE AND SEE HOW MUCH THE LORD LOVES YOU

The Great Thanksgiving ~ The Breaking of the Bread ~ The Ministry of Prayer

LET US GO FORTH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Prayer of Response

adapted from the Book of Common Worship

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us; fill our homes and workplaces with your light, that we may be a reflection of your beauty and holiness to the world. In Holy Christ we pray. Amen.

Benediction and Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**