

ALL SOULS CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 7th, 2010

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1st Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

COME LET US WORSHIP THE LORD

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship in Song and in Word *Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-9 and Psalm 63:1-4 (lectionary readings)*

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;... Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. ALL: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Prayer of Invocation, Songs of Engagement, Exaltation, Adoration

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession

UMC Book of Worship

Gracious and merciful God, you see into the secret places of our hearts, where we mourn our sins. As we turn again to your grace, receive our prayers. Look with mercy on our contrite hearts, wash from us the stain of iniquity, and create a new and right spirit in us, that we may declare your praise and offer an acceptable sacrifice in these Lenten days; through Christ Jesus, who bore our sins on the cross. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 103:2-5, 13-14* Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's... As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Pass the Peace of Christ ~ Children are dismissed to your classes

Offerings

Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Baylor, 1992

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

??? ~ Doxology ~ Dedication of Offerings

Pastoral Prayer led by Lynn Charles, member of the Shepherding Team

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Leviticus 8:1-10; 9:1-6; 22-24; 10:1-3 ~ read by Lisa Murray

God's Holy People: Leadership and Holiness ~ 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

Thomas à Kempis, 15th Century

Lord, all things in Heaven and earth are yours. I desire to give myself to you as a free offering, and to be yours forever. O Lord, in simplicity of heart, I offer myself to you this day, to be your servant forever: I do this as an act of homage to you, and as an act of perpetual praise. Accept me, together with the Holy Sacrifice of your precious body which I plead before you this day in the unseen presence of adoring angels, that it may avail to my salvation and that of all your people. Amen.

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