

# NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

(Disciples of Christ)

March 15, 2009

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

† All who are able please stand

### PRELUDE

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Ashleigh Johnson

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING IN SILENCE

Peace Before Us

David Haas

A time of silence in which we open ourselves to God's presence, attending to God at the center of our being and in the midst of the community.



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### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** God invites us to see the presence of the Holy in all the earth. God calls us to find sacred signposts in our own lives. God tells us:

**People:** **In my foolishness, find your wisdom. In my weakness, find your strength.**

**Leader:** God tells us:

**People:** **In my laws, find freedom. In my anger, find justice.**

**Leader:** God tells us:

**People:** **In dying find life. In endings, find new beginnings.**

### † HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

# 275

### † STATEMENT OF MERCY

### † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of mercy: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. Judge us with love, and lift the burden of our sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, for the sake of Jesus your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

### † DECLARATION OF PARDON

### † RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father

# 36

### † THE PEACE: Turn and greet one another with a handclasp, saying:

“The peace of Christ be with you”, **and answering**, “And also with you.”

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lanny C. Lawler

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

# 490

Verse 1

Children, preschool through 5th grade, are invited forward for the Children's Sermon. Afterward, children grades 3 - 5 may return to their seats to continue worship. Children preschool – 2nd grade may go to LL 11 for Children's Worship.

### FIRST READING

I Corinthians 1:18-25

NT page 162

### SECOND READING

John 2:13-22

NT page 91

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Goin' Home*

*Fisher/Dvorak*

Jerry Karr, bass

### SERMON

Dr. Lanny C. Lawler

### † INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those wishing to become members of North Christian Church are invited to join the minister at the front of the sanctuary during the singing of the hymn. New members are welcomed in a first time profession of faith or by transfer of membership. All forms of Christian baptism are recognized.

### † HYMN

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Thornburg



God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mill-er of the  
God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the  
God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the  
God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined



sand, God the jewel-er of the heav-ens,  
sea, God the pil-lar in the dark-ness,  
wheat, God the reap-er of the har-vest,  
youth, God the ta-ble-turn-ing proph-et,



God the pot-ter of the land: you are womb of all cre-  
God the bea-con of the free: you are fount of all de-  
God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev-'ry  
God the re-sur-rect-ed truth: you are pre-sent ev-'ry



a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.  
liv-'rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.  
ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.  
mo-ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

**COMMUNION HYMN** For the Bread, Which You Have Broken # 411

### CALL TO OFFERING

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**DOXOLOGY** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow # 48

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Introductory Dialogue

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving Deborah Holt, Elder

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Persons of all denominations are invited to the Table of the Lord. The bread is received individually; the deacon retains the tray as worshippers pass the loaf to those seated next to them. The cup is retained for partaking in unison following the Memorial Acclamation by the minister.

Memorial Acclamation Santo, Santo, Santo # 111

Prayer after Communion

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN** All Who Love and Serve Your City # 670

† **TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD** Ashleigh Johnson

† **CHARGE**

† **POSTLUDE**

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