

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

We Prepare Ourselves to Receive the Gift (unison)

O Lord, we have gone our own way, done our own thing, and called it faith. We have not always loved You as we ought, nor our neighbors as ourselves, and labeled it as doing our best. We have been quick to anger and slow to listen, and said that is life. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have failed to give You our very best, and instead only offering what is left over. Heavenly Father, forgive us. Help us to love You and our neighbors from the depth of our hearts, instead of the shallowness. Teach us to live for Your honor and glory, instead of our own. Empower us to find new life in Your son, Christ Jesus.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Words of Institution

We Receive God's Gift

Partaking of the bread - the body of Christ
Partaking of the cup - the blood of Christ

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessing of the Children

We believe that the blessings of God are extended to children as well. To express this belief, children are invited to come forward, into the chancel, for the laying on of hands and blessing.

Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Altar Flowers: *Bob & Jo Kindel*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *Rich Gill*

Fellowship: *Team #1 - Schneider*

Steeple Lighting: *Thank you!*

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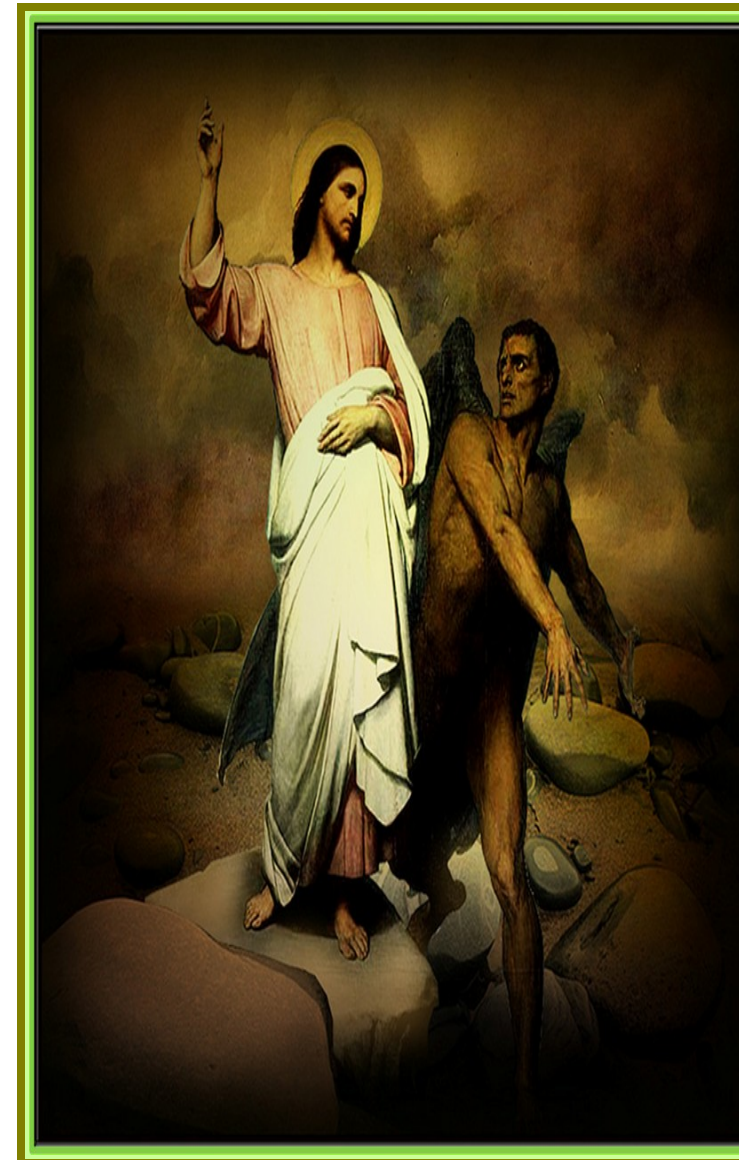
A Caring Church for Thinking People

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Sunday, March 5, 2017



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BY
THE
DEVIL**

Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

Mission Statement:

*God calls us to live
our faith as disciples
Sharing the love of God
Revealed through Christ
In the community
and the world.*

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Sunday, March 5, 2017 † The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

THE PRELUDE *Agnus Dei* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* No. 190

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32)

One: Blessed are we when our God forgives us of our mistakes.

All: Blessed are all whose sins are forgotten.

One: When I kept silent my life wasted away.

**All: But now, in hope of Your love, we come before You to receive
Your promise, O God.**

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Rich Gill

**We know Your love in our lives O Lord, even better than we know
ourselves. When we are lost, You are looking for us. When we stumble
You are here holding out a hand in love. When we wonder, You alone offer
us a truth in life. We gather this day to seek Your way. Come now as we
pray together the prayer Your son taught us, "Our Father . . ."
[debt, debtors]**

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Red Hymnal) No. 513

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM *World Peace Cannon* Arr. Donald Moore

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

***all who are able may stand**

THE OFFERTORY *I Know De Lord's Laid His Hand on Me* Arr. H.T. Burleigh

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Red Hymnal) *Just As I Am Without One Plea (vs. 4)* No. 319

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy
promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Let Us Break Bread Together* No. 288

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Rich Gill

Romans 5:12 - 19 (page 136)

Matthew 4:1 - 11 (page 3)

SERMON *TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (See back of Bulletin)

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *God of the Sparrow God of the Whale (vs. 1, 3, 5)* No. 32

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go In Peace* Kenneth White

(We invite you to join hands as we sing)

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace
of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life! Go in
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POSTLUDE *Antiphon* J.G. Vierling

CALENDAR

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 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #1, Social Hall
 11:45 a.m. Stewardship Board Mtg., Heritage Room

Monday, March 6

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - TKD, Social Hall
 6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board Mtg., Adult Library

Tuesday, March 7

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #244, Adult Library
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group, Rev. Green Room
 8:00 p.m. Fruits of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

Wednesday, March 8

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School-Dance, A.T.T.I.C.
 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin, Children's Library
 4:00 - 8:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Cello, Adult Library
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 8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir, Music Room

Thursday, March 9

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meetings, Adult & Children's Libraries, Nursery, CR
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, March 10

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #319, Adult Library

Saturday, March 11

9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free Community Lunch, Kitchen, Social Hall, & Off-site
 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Cello, Children's Library
 2:00 - 6 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 - Pinewood Derby, Social Hall
 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 Committee Meeting, Social Hall
 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, March 12 - Girl Scout Sunday

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary ~ Rev. Kirk Bruce ~
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #2, Social Hall
 11:30 a.m. Music Committee Mtg., Rev. Greene Room
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