SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

**11:00 a.m. THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 20, 2022**

*“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** Prelude on “Beach Spring”Charles Callahan

**INTROIT** Give Me Jesus Moses Hogan

Katy Keyes, soloist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN**  No. 316 *Tune:* TWENTY-FOURTH

Where Charity and Love Prevail

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Forgive us, O God, if we have gone for days without hint of honest prayer: sealing ourselves off against mystery; relying on native wit and acquired skills, postponing life’s big questions; busying ourselves with spending and getting; over-committed to things that do not really matter. Move into our lives in a saving, centering way, confirming what is strong in us and filling what is empty. May your grace so possess us that whatever we do in word or deed, we may do in your strength, and to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**KYRIE** Psalm 123: Have Mercy (see insert)

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA**  No. 439

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God’s name;

bless the Savior, and forget not all God’s mercies to proclaim.

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**  Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Let your Gospel, O Lord, come unto us, not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; that, with humble and obedient hearts, we may receive what you have revealed, and do always that which you have commanded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**  Isaiah 55:1-9 Page 685

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 24:13-32 Page 90

**SERMON** “An Expansive Gospel” Dr. Jones

*“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road,*

*while he was opening the scriptures to us?” Luke 24:32*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967*

###### To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as the reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares the labor of healing the enmities which separate men and women from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to Christ’s call. Amen.

\***HYMN** No. 320 *Tune:* WAREHAM

The Church of Christ in Every Age

**THE PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER** (debts/debtors)

**\*HYMN** No. 610 *Tune:* AZMON

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE** Concerto in B minorJohann Walther

**\***Congregation please stand.

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** marks the beginning of the Lord’s Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

**PREACHING** is Dr. Ray Jones, keynote speaker for the 2022 Foote Lecture Series. He is the Director of Theology, Formation, and Evangelism for the Presbyterian Mission Agency and holds degrees from Furman University and Columbia Theological Seminary.

**GUEST ORGANIST** is Mollie Nichols, a graduate of Eastman School of Music and recently named Director of Music Emerita of the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City. Mollie and her family are residents of Hilton Head, South Carolina. Susan Wilson is away this week.

**CROSS WITH CROWN OF THORNS** and purple paraments will be in the sanctuary throughout Lent to help remind us of Jesus’ sacrifice, orient us to the season of the church year, and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Marilyn and Mark Borst provided the cross and the youth of First made the purple parament cloth emphasizing the season of penitence and preparation.