

Order of Worship for March 22, 2020

Gathering

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Rev. Don Everts

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome

The FEED

Prayer of Preparation

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Prelude

“Seek Ye First/Canon”
Nancy Mayo -- pianist

Pachelbel; Lafferty

Praising

*Call to Worship

Leader: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;

People: **Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;**

Leader: Eternal Power, be our support;

People: **Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;**

Leader: Eternal Love, have mercy upon us,

People: **In you we find hope, forgiveness, and courage, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*Prayer of Invocation

Tom Thomas

*Hymn No. 224

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

HENDON

Confessing

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who repent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

--Ephesians 2:8

Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith,

People: **And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.**

Responding to God's Grace

*Hymn No. 542

"Near to the Heart of God"

McAFEE

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

8:30

“I Will Worship You”

Lynn Packwood

Nancy Mayo, pianist

Ward

*Offertory Response

“All Glory to Our Lord and God”

CANONBURY

All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

*Prayer of Dedication

Proclaiming

*Scripture Reading

Luke 11:9-10

⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 6:10-11

¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

* Scripture Response

—from Isaiah 40:8

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word
of the Lord endures forever.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

“How to P.R.A.Y.: Ask”

Don

*Hymn of Response, No. 447

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

LAFFERTY

Sending

*Benediction

Postlude

“Chorale Fughetta on ST. ANNE”

Nancy Mayo – organist

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