

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 2, 2008
11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude "In Green Pastures" Harold Darke

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

People: He leads me in right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff— they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

ALL: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the LORD our whole life long.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*+Hymn of Praise #458 (RIL) "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" PLEADING SAVIOR

Prayer of Confession Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. Why do I act as if I am lacking so much?

People: Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.

Leader: The Lord cares for me, body and soul. Why do I get so worried about food and clothes?

People: Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.

Leader: The Lord is always with me, to protect me and guide me. Why do I refuse to follow Him?

People: Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.

Leader: Goodness and mercy are mine, if I ask for forgiveness.

People: Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.

Leader: Help me to follow You, so I can show others the way to Your grace and mercy.

ALL: Amen and amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Summary of the Law

1 Corinthians 16:13, 14

*+Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with end. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon Larry Lelah

*+Hymn of Preparation #273 (RIL)

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" NURNBERG

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

Jeremiah 3:19-25

p. 612

New Testament

Luke 12:22-34

p. 845

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon WORRIES AND BAGGAGE ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made Man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We

acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering *(Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)*

Offertory "Jesu, Joyance of my Heart" J. S. Bach
The Chancel Choir

*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below, praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Gifts

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see insert)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication #161 (RIL) "He Leadeth Me" AUGHTON

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Postlude

*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.
+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.
Hymns this morning are from "Rejoice in the Lord".

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00AM (10:00 A.M. Father's Day through Labor Day) Nursery Provided

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30A.M. Classes for Pre-school through adult (September through June)

Infant Nursery Provided

Our Invitation

We welcome you as we join together in prayer, in song, and in praise to God. It is our prayer that the blessing and fellowship you find here will enrich your life so that you will truly feel that you are a part of this historic, caring church. May God bless you in a very special way!

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Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor
The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus