

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 11, 2007
11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Introit "Have Mercy on Me, O Lord" Lorraine Nelson
Wolf
The Chancel Choir

Prelude

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship Psalm
63

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek You, my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.

People: Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

Leader: So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Your name.

People: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises You with joyful lips when I think of You on my bed, and meditate on You in the watches of the night;

Leader: for You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I sing for joy.

ALL: My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.

*+Hymn of Praise #145 (RIL) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN

HERREN

Prayer of Confession Psalm
63

Holy God, Creator of the universe, it is amazing that You have called us by name. We long for Your presence in our lives. Without you we feel dry and thirsty and desolate. And so we rejoice at Your presence among us. But too often we expect that this encounter will fill us for an entire week. We fail to seek Your face daily. We neglect Your word. We forget even to talk with You, to pray

to You. And then we are surprised when we feel so parched. We are wrong, Lord. Breathe on us, Holy Spirit, to renew our souls. Help us to sing Your praises to this thirsty world, that needs Your living water. In this way we can help Your will to be done here on earth, as it already is in heaven. We ask this in Your Son's strong name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (see

insert)

Words of Assurance Psalm 32:1-

5

Summary of the Law Mark 9:33-
37

*+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 Laura

Fields

*+Hymn of Preparation #457 (RIL) "Jesus Loves Me" JESUS LOVES

ME

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Ruth 2:8-17 p.

211

New Testament John 14:22-31 p.

877

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon SO WHAT MAKES US SO SPECIAL?

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles'

Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father, Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Offertory "O Lamb of God" W. A. Mozart
The Chancel Choir

*Doxology Music by Lorraine Nelson Wolf
Praise God, praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Praise God, praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Dedication of Gifts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication #416 (RIL) "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM
RHONDDA
Verses 1-4

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM
RHONDDA
Verse 5

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