

# READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

John Ayer, Music Director

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2007

11:00 a.m.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude "Sleepers, Awake" J. S.

Bach

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship Psalm

32

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: **While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

People: **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to You; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with glad cries of deliverance. (pause)

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

People: **Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

ALL: **Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

\*+Hymn of Praise #346 (RIL) "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

Prayer of Confession Psalm

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Holy God, You preserve us. You surround us with Your joyous presence. You love us. And we thank You for that grace. But too often, in spite of our best efforts, we do what we're not supposed to do, and we don't do what we are supposed to do. Then, instead of admitting our mistakes, too often we try to cover them up. But the truth always comes out, Lord. You know us so well; we are foolish to try to lie to You. We are sorry. Help us to admit to our mistakes, and confess them, so that we can be reconciled to You. Teach us Your ways, so that we can be surrounded by Your steadfast love. Give us Your words, so we can share that steadfast love with this lost and broken world, which needs Your love. In this way, Your kingdom can come here on earth, as it already has in heaven. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (see

insert)

Words of Assurance Romans 6:20-

23

Summary of the Law Psalm 119:89-

96

\*+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

\*+Hymn of Preparation #271 (TH) "Rock of Ages"

TOPLADY

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Ruth 2:18-23 p.

211

New Testament John 15:1-7 p.

878

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 "A Carol for Lent" Mary E. Caldwell

*Emily Smalley, soloist/Jessica Iselin, flute/Jennifer Weber, piano*

\*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 #458 (RIL) "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" PLEADING SAVIOR  
*Verses 1 & 2*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" PLEADING SAVIOR  
*Verse 3*

Postlude

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

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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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**Organized 1719**

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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**