***Mid-week Lenten Service***

**3rd Wednesday of Lent March 16, 2022**

**Greeting** *1 Peter 1*

*So prepare your minds for service. With complete self-control put all your hope in the grace*

*that will be yours when Jesus Christ comes. In the past you did not have the understanding*

*you have now, so you did the evil things you wanted to do. But now you are children of God,*

*so you should obey him and not live the way you did before. Be holy in everything you do,*

*just as God is holy. He is the one who chose you. In the Scriptures God says, “Be holy,*

*because I am holy.”*

**Hymn** *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
 Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
 By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide.  
 In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
 Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You**

**with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,**

**to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

**Hymn of Thanks** *“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”*

Ask ye what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so?

What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:  
faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave: Jesus Christ, the crucified.

**Psalter** *Psalm 121*

*I look to the mountains; where will my help come from?*

*My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

*He will not let you fall; your protector is always awake.*

*The protector of Israel never dozes or sleeps.*

*The Lord will guard you; he is by your side to protect you.*

*The sun will not hurt you during the day, nor the moon during the night.*

*The Lord will protect you from all danger; he will keep you safe.*

*He will protect you as you come and go now and forever.*

**Chorus** *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,

and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

**Gospel Lesson** *St. John 17:1-5*

When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come.

Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you. **2**You gave him authority over everyone

so that he could give eternal life to everyone you gave him. **3**This is eternal life: to know you,

the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. **4**I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work

you gave me to do. **5**Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you

before the world was created.

**Reflections**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock  
 within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
 from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One  
 who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
 the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than  
 the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
 my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

**Benediction**

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*We are glad that you are with us tonight.*

*Please be reminded that each Wednesday during this season of Lent*

*we will gather, via Zoom, at 7 PM.*