

First CRC of Detroit

Sunday March 14, 2021

Lent Series: The Way of the Cross

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Call to Worship

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: Christ, the Life of All the Living
Christ, the life of all the living; Christ, the death of death our foe;
Christ, for us yourself once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suffering, death, and merit, life eternal we inherit;
thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion: our atonement full and free.
Lord, you chose to be tormented, that our doom should be prevented;
thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

Lord, for all that bought our pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden, we will thank you evermore.
For the victory of your dying—sinful nature mortifying—
thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

Call to Confession Romans 1:18-20

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 1:1-3

Song: O Great God
O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:1-8
Sermon: *Listen to Him*

Prayer of God's People/Offertory Prayer

Song: I Stand Amazed
I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.
How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful in my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows; he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone.
How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful in my Savior's love for me!

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.
How marvelous, how wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful in my Savior's love for me!

God's Blessing

Preacher: Pastor Ben Van Arragon

Musician: Melody Van Arragon

Today's offering is for CAP (Community Assistance Program).

Christ, the Life of All the Living – Text: Ernst C. Homburg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt., P.D.
Tune: Das grosse *Cantionale*, Darnstadt, P.D.

O Great God – Text and Tune: Bob Kauflin; based on The Valley of Vision prayer "Regeneration"
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