



Service for the Lord's Day

March 26, 2017

Prelude "Meditation" -- Handbell Choir

Life in the Church Rev. Dr. Debra J.K. Bronkema

Introit "Now Thank We All Our God" --German Traditional

Call to Worship

Leader: We have gathered in the presence of God, who is love.

*People: **We have gathered in the shadow of the cross, sign of God's love.***

Leader: Let us give thanks for the compassion of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

*All: **We will pray and sing, praising God with hearts and hands and voices. Amen.***

*Hymn of Praise "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #309 in the hymnal

*Opening Prayer

Call and Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us in your mercy, O God -
when we fear what we do not understand;
when we let prejudice blind us;
when we cling to feelings of superiority;
when we refuse to witness your healing
in those we think ill of.**

**Free us from all blindness,
that we may behold your glory
and reflect your light for all to see. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

**You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy
You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy
You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy**

*The Peace

Anthem "Pulling Bracken" -- Handbell Choir

Children's Sermon

A Lesson from Matthew 6:7-15 (NT pg. 5-6)

Hymn of the Day "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" #392 in the hymnal

Sermon "What God Sees!" 1Samuel 16:1-7, 10-13 (OT pg. 259-260)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
With believers in every time and place,
We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate
Us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Offering God Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology, #592 in the hymnal

*Prayer of Dedication

Call to Prayer

**“Come and Fill our Hearts”
Come and fill our hearts
With your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts
With your peace.
Alleluia!**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (saying ‘debts’)

*Closing Hymn

“Though I May Speak”

#335 in the hymnal

*Benediction & Benediction Response “Amen”

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor (from *The Well-Tempered Clavier*)

--J.S. Bach

To see the bulletin insert for this week, including prayer list and calendars:

http://www.pvillepresby.org/docs/Insert_Mar_26_17.pdf

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