



First Congregational

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024



Worship Leader

Seth Chronister

Mini Message

Cliff Highnam & Archie

Director of Music

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Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Guest Preacher

Abbie Chronister

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude	<i>Prayer</i> - Alexandre Guilmant	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome & Announcements		Seth Chronister
Call to Worship		Seth Chronister
Leader: The world finds no proof of God.		
People: But the heavens tell of God's glory.		
Leader: God's message is foolishness to the world.		
People: But God's folly trumps human wisdom.		
Leader: The freedom of the world brings us death.		
People: But following God's ways brings life.		
Leader: We gather in the name of Christ crucified.		
People: The Word made flesh brings life to God's people.		
<i>Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009</i>		
*Prayer of Invocation (unison)		Seth Chronister
May we come before you in worship today as a people with open hearts and minds. God, we ask for your aid as we strive to lean towards the Cross during this season of Lent.		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Let Us with a Joyful Mind</i>	#16 (NCH - Black)
Joys & Concerns		Seth Chronister
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		Abbie Chronister
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
Mini-Message		Cliff Highnam & Archie
Choral Anthem		Chancel Choir
Invitation to Offertory		Seth Chronister
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#780 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Dedication		Abbie Chronister

Scripture Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Seth Chronister
*Hymn	<i>Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross</i>	#197 (NCH - Black)
Message		Abbie Chronister
*Hymn	<i>O for a World</i>	#575 (NCH - Black)
*Spoken Benediction		Abbie Chronister
*Sung Benediction	<i>Holy One, Now Let Your Servants Go</i>	(See Below)
Postlude	<i>Grand Chorus - Alexandre Guilmant</i>	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* You are invited to stand in body and/or spirit

Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Mini-Message.
 We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the youth director's office at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.

Holy One, Now Let Your Servants Go
 Simeon's Song, *A Nunc Dimittis*

text and tune: Richard Bruzvoort-Colligan

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 87. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system of music includes the following guitar chords: Bm, A/C#, D, G, D/F#, G, and D/F#. The lyrics for this system are: "Ho - ly One, now let your ser - vants go in
 We our - selves, we know the heal - ing you've pre -
 We pro - claim the light to show you to the
 Ho - ly One, now let your ser - vants go in".

The second system of music includes the following guitar chords: Asus4, A, G, A, and D. The lyrics for this system are: "peace. Your word has been ful - filled.
 pared, and all the world can see.
 world, for glo - ry, Is ra - el.
 peace. Your word has been ful - filled."