March 3rd, 2024 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL BULLETIN

Rev. David S. Vallelunga, Pastor; Kathy Eckart, Guest Organist;

Pat Ediger, Liturgist; Christina Wong, Zoomlogist

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,**

**and with fear and reverence stand;**

**ponder nothing earthly minded,**

**for with blessing in his hand;**

**Christ our God is with his people;**

**helping us fulfill God’s plan.**

**Christ our God is here among us,**

**urging us to all rebel;**

**protest the demonic choices**

**that will take our world to Hell;**

**taking as a standard for our daily lives,**

**that we practice loving well.**

HYMN # 578 “God of Love and God of Power”

**God of love and God of power,**

**grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,**

**daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power,**

**thou hast called us for this hour.**

**We are not the first to be**

**banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear**

**heaven’s trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power,**

**thou hast called us for this hour.**

**All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene’er we share**

**that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power,**

**thou hast called us for this hour.**

**God of love and God of power,**

**make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it’s thy will,**

**keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power,**

**thou hast called us for this hour.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

GOSPEL John 2:13-22 Liturgist

HOMILY “Setting the Stage” Pastor Dave

OFFERTORY

LENTEN DOXOLOGY / PRAYER of CONSECRATION

**All the gifts of God are holy,**

**all the ways of God are blest;**

**all the words of God assist us,**

**in our daily trials and tests;**

**fill our lives, O Lord, renew us;**

**evermore to be our best.**

HYMN # 61 “For the Bread Which You have Broken”

**For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,**

**now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**By this promise that you love us,**

**by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,**

**hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With the saints who now adore you**

**seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you**

**keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us;**

**in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us**

 **let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING IN SONG! Everyone

*O sacred Head, now wounded,*

*with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded*

*with thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,*

*what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,*

*I joy to call Thee mine.*

*(The pastor will sing two verses here)*

*The call to lives of vigor we take anew today,*

*And strive, with holy rigor, to climb the upward way;*

*O let us find refreshment in sacred wine and bread,*

*And honor Christ eternal, soon risen from the dead!*

WE RECEIVE THE FEAST *(We will come forward today for the bread and the juice…please kneel or stand when you receive. If you cannot come forward, please alert an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.)*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE Pastor Dave

CLOSING HYMN # 318 “Christ Is Alive”

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**

**The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love, in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound**

**to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now,**

**and dwell in ev’ry place and time.**

**Not throned afar, remotely high,**

**untouched, unmoved by human pains,**

**but daily, in the midst of life,**

**our Savior in the God-head reigns.**

**In ev’ry insult, rift, and war,**

**where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more, a**

**nd lives though ever crucified.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring**

 **good news to this and ev’ry age,
till earth and all creation ring**

**with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

BLESSING *Jesus our Messiah teaches us to live fully, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God. His indwelling presence calls us to fulness of life, to integrity and wholesomeness, and to courageous, vulnerable love. Amen!*

POSTLUDE