

Order of Worship for March 17, 2024

Please take time this morning to sign the Friendship Pads. It's a great way for us to remind neighbors in the pews of our names, and to share contact information with the church office!

Gathering

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, Redeemer of all who trust you, heed the cry of your people;
deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom
and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Welcome

Rev. Robby Cella
Family Pastor

Prelude

“Softly and Tenderly”
Bonhomme Ringers

arr. Raney and Sherman

Praising

Prayer of Invocation

Don Guenther

*Call to Worship

—based on John 3:16-17

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his own dearly
beloved Son

People: **So that everyone who believes in him will not perish
but have everlasting life.**

Leader: On this day we remember in hope, and declare with joy:

People: **God did not send his Son into the world to condemn
the world but to save it.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*Hymn No. 581

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

ODE TO JOY

**Please stand, in body or in spirit!*

Confessing

Call to Confession of Sin

Confession of Sin (in unison)

Loving God, we know that you love us, so we confess that we have let you down. Every day we betray you, deny you, misunderstand you, crucify you. We betray you when we are selfish or unkind. We deny you when we do not speak out for justice and truth. We misunderstand you when we justify our actions by misquoting your teaching.

We are truly sorry, and we wait for your word of love.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon **Don**

—based on Psalm 91:14-15

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
 I will protect those who know my name.

**People: When they call to me, I will answer them;
 I will be with them in trouble,**

Leader: I will rescue them and honor them and show them
 my salvation.

**People: We receive the good news of the gospel:
 In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Proclaiming

*Scripture Reading

Romans 3:21-26

Pew Bible, p. 941

*Scripture Response

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word,

People: The story of your grace, the record of your love.

SERMON SERIES: The Multifaceted Gospel

Message: “Beyond What We Deserve”

Rev. Cella

Responding

*Hymn No. 691

“Amazing Grace”

NEW BRITAIN

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:30 -- "Before the Throne of God Above" arr. Forrest

Chancel Choir

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

11:00 -- "I Am His and He Is Mine" arr. Buda

Bev Nichols, Pianist

***Offertory Response, No. 543**

“All Praise and Thanks to God”

NUN DANKET

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest Who reign in highest heaven.
The one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Don

Sending

***Hymn No. 325**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

MARYTON

***Benediction**

Rev. Cella

Postlude

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
Bev Nichols, Pianist

arr. Kim

Bonhomme Mission Partners:

Local:

The Freedom School [Restore STL]
The Haven of Grace
Inside Out Prison Ministry [Restore STL]
Isaiah 58
Oasis International Ministries
Restore St. Louis

International:

Comfort Foundation [Novgorod, Russia]
El Centro Integral [Honduras]
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Katherine Milla [India—Student Mobilization]
Daniel and Sarah Puttcamp [Costa Rica—Global Outreach]
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