

Meditations on the Cross

MIDDAY LENTEN SERVICE
ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2015

PRELUDE

Nathan Skinner, Organist

*HYMN No. 258

Sweet the Moments

Cross of Jesus

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sarabande from Suite No. 3, BWV 1009

Kirstin Peltz, cello

J.S. Bach

(1685–1750)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

O God, by your Spirit, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

PSALM 119 *(in unison)*

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes and I shall keep it to the end.

People: Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;

I shall keep it with all my heart.

Leader: Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

People: Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

Leader: Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

People: Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.

Leader: Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.

People: Behold, I long for your commandments;

in your righteousness preserve my life.

*SECOND READING

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

MEDITATION

Now is the Day of Salvation

Kris Perkins,

Associate Minister of Families

(continued on other side)

*congregation standing

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF RESPONSE *(in unison)*

Patrick of Ireland

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.

*HYMN No. 252

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

*BENEDICTION

In the Congregational tradition ashes are not imposed, but if you would like prayer for any reason, spoken or unspoken, please come to the kneeler at the end of either aisle.

