**SCRIPTURE READING**
Matthew 16:21-25 & Colossians 1:20

**SERMON**
“The Cross Could Not Stop Him From Loving Us”

**ANTHEM**
O Lord, turne not away thy face
William Tansur (1706-1793)

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON**
Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. 

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

**COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS**

*HYMN OF INVITATION*
’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
#462, v. 1 & 2
Words by Louisa M. R. Stead
Music by William J. Kirkpatrick
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1. ’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise, and to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood; and in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION*

*SENDING FORTH*
Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace
#668
New Mexican Folk Song
Adapted by Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.
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Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God’s love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**
Glory
Geoff Bullock

March 6, 2022
First Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday Worship
in the Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Holy Manna
Sally Hodges

Welcome Home!

Announcements

Choral Call to Worship
Lamb of Glory
Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!
Congregation: God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the
wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them
return to the Lord.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite
heart, O God, you will not despise.

*Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth
#92, v. 1 & 5
Words by Folliot S. Pierpoint
Music by Conrad Kocher
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1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which
from our birth over and around us lies; [Refrain]
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on
every shore her pure sacrifice of love; [Refrain]

*Affirmation of Faith

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism of Theodore Alexander Morrison Fontenot

Rev. Laraine Waughtal asks the congregation:
Do you, as Christ’s body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and
your commitment to Christ?
Congregation: We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this
family now before you in your care?
With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to
the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of
love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We
will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way
that leads to life.

Sharing of our Joys & Concerns

Call to Prayer
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
#349
Words and music by Helen H. Lemmel
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Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of
earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

Congregational Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God’s
Tithes & Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
#94
Words by Thomas Ken
Music from Geistliche Kirchengesange
Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here
below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus
Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn of Faith

Let Us Break Bread Together
#618
African American Spiritual
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1. Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on
our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord,
have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on
our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord,
have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on
our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord,
have mercy on me.
4. Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on
our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord,
have mercy on me.