



**MY TAKE AWAY
THOUGHTS AND NOTES**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 2017

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING MUSIC

My Father's World (hymn 143)

I Come to the Garden Alone (hymn 635)

Lift High the Cross (hymn 450)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Alfred Fedak

Janet Linker

Alice Jordan

GREETING

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

Christ Lay in Chains of Death

Johann Sebastian Bach

The grief is almost palpable in Bach's portrayal of Luke 23:44-53, the Death and Burial of Jesus, which is today's sermon text. In the first few chords we hear the sobs of the onlookers as Jesus says, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

The final E major chord is the only indication that triumph awaits.

Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 86

Leader: Gather near the prayers of the people.

Listen for the cries of the poor.

Strengthen the lives of the fainting.

Save the people with devotion.

People: You are our God; you are gracious.

You hear the pleas and the cries;

you bring joy with the morning;

you lift the spirit of the downtrodden.

The Lord is gracious and kind;

the Lord is slow to anger,

abounding in steadfast love,

comforting the one who pleads for mercy.

Troubles arise and foundations are shaken.

The surety of ages flees like the dawn.

The glory of your name abides;

the wonder of your word remains.

We will worship the Lord our God;

We will glorify the Lord our God.

***HYMN #450**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Caring and compassionate God, we confess how insensitive we often are to the pain and suffering of others, even as we exaggerate and bemoan our own little discomforts and inconveniences. Forgive us, O God. Help us to be faithful followers of Christ and learn from his crucifixion what it means to be compassionate human beings attuned to the needs that surround us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

It is through Christ's death that our sins are taken upon the cross. Because of his death, we have forgiveness of sin. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, you also are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS - Hymnal #340**

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.

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 7:13-14 (New Testament, page 7 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director

John Stainer

CHILDREN'S TIME

“Endings and Beginnings”

Rev. Dr. Marti Montovani

(Sunday School will not meet during July and August, but will resume on September 10th.)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 23:50-55 (New Testament, page 89 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“A Good and Righteous Man”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #488**

Just as I Am

WOODWORTH

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

I Cannot Tell Why He, the King of Heaven

North Irish Folk Tune

Clancy Cox, soprano; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

Please follow Clancy's poignant words, found in hymn no. 354 of our Celebration Hymnal. The three verses express wonder at Jesus' birth, his death on the cross, and his triumphal return.

***BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL - Hymnal #58**

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul; Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me bless His holy name.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SENDING

***HYMN #779**

I'll Fly Away

I'LL FLY AWAY

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Laudation

Carl Bingle, organ

Gilbert Martin