



The People of God in Worship
March 4, 2018
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning
Third Sunday in Lent

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Hon. Ed Burnette

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: **In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

People: **The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

People: **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

All: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.**

Taken from Psalm 19

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

The Hon. Ed Burnette and The Community

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

The Hon. Ed Burnette

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

John 2:13-22

The Hon. Ed Burnette

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

*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 trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

***THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 118**

His Name Is Wonderful

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

The Hon. Ed Burnette

Offertory - Anthem

For Where Love Is, There is God

Douglas E. Wagner

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE THIRD READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE

Foolish Wisdom

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

SOLO

God’s Own Fool

by Michael Card

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The Community

All are invited to share the bread and the cup, waiting for all to be served.

The Bread: This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

The Cup: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

***HYMN No. 423**

The Bond of Love

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Walk With the Lord

Kevin D. Thomson

***THE POSTLUDE**

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- * The ushers will seat those waiting.
 - * Those who are able will please stand.
 - * Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Copies of last week's sermon outline and the prayer list is in the narthex.

Offertory Emphasis

Jesus sent out His followers to bring light into all the world. One of those places is nestled between Second and Third Mesas on the Hopi Reservation in Northeastern Arizona. That is where Hopi Mission School, a small, private Christian elementary school, is supported by American Baptist Churches in the USA. Many of its 70 students come from strong traditional families, yet these families support the teaching of Christian values as well as cherishing their Hopi heritage. The school is a happy place for the students to learn about the teachings of the Lord, as well as to further their education. This is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

We uphold the students, teachers, and staff at the Hopi Mission School. We join them in the school's ministry to promote sound academic instruction in a spiritual, safe, caring, and constructive environment. We are thankful for, and supportive of, this outreach of American Baptists. Amen.