

*Lenten Service – Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church*

March 9, 2017

Call to Worship

from Psalm 36:1-10

One: Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their hearts; there is no fear of God before their eyes.

**All: For they flatter themselves in their own eyes that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.**

One: The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit; they have ceased to act wisely and do good.

**All: They plot mischief while on their beds; they are set on a way that is not good; they do not reject evil.**

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

One: Yow precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

\*Hymn #494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Prayer of Confession

**O God, you see our secret hearts. You see through our vain attempts at righteousness, when we do the right thing for the wrong reason. Forgive us when we seek to please others, instead of pleasing you. Do not see us for our faults, and do not go away from us. Keep us always in your presence so that we may be restored to the joy of your salvation. Sustain in us a willing spirit to treasure what you desire; then our hearts will be opened in joy and gladness. In Jesus Christ, our Treasure, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon/Sign of Peace and Reconciliation

Scripture

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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Reflection

\*Hymn #708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Blessing and Dismissal

*Thank you for joining us this day for our ecumenical Lenten Service. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following for a light luncheon and time of fellowship.*

*If you feel led to do so, there will be offering baskets available in the Fellowship Hall for a free-will donation, the proceeds of which will go to the Prince George County Churches Foodbank.*

*Next Thursday: Ecumenical Lenten Service & Luncheon at Sycamore United Methodist Church.*