

Elderton Presbyterian Church  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 11, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Kirsten Manarelli

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Choral Introit

\*Call to Worship: (responsively)

By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing,  
it is the gift of God.

**For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn No. 481 "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show" LLANFAIR

\*Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God, in Christ Jesus you proclaimed your love for all creation. Have mercy on us as we confess our sin. We have overpopulated the earth and violated its goodness. We have depleted nature of its vital resources. Pollution besets us, waters lie stagnant. We care not for ourselves as temples, nor for communities as buildings not built with hands. We plead for forgiveness and ask for your guidance. Help us to be disciplined in taking care of your gifts, lest in neglecting them we lose them forever.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri – page 579

THE WORD

Anthem "Beautiful Terrible Cross" SMITH/WOOD/CATES

Joys, Concerns and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon

\*Hymn No.492

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:1-10

(pew Bible page 177 N.T.)

Genesis 15: 7-21

(pew Bible page 11 O.T.)

Sermon

The Unilateral Promise

Rev. Dr. Richard Sweeney

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

The Invitation

The Presentation of the Child

The Words of Institution

The Profession of Faith

\*The Apostles Creed (In unison)

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The Commitment of the Congregation

The Blessing of the Water of Holy Baptism

The Sharing of the Sacrament

The Welcome into the Family of Faith

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer

SENDING

\*Hymn No.304

"Jesus Loves Me!"

JESUS LOVES ME

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response: "Because He Lives" (CCLI # 3058448)

Because He Lives I can face tomorrow.

Because He Lives all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives

\*Postlude

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(\*) Congregation Standing