

MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

“Sacrifice”

**MARCH 18, 2018**

**11:00 a.m.**

*Large print bulletins are available from the Ushers.*

*Hearing Assistance Devices – see the Sound Operator, Chris Miller or Eric Burgmann.*

*A single asterisk (\*) before the liturgy indicates that the congregation is to stand if able.*

***People's response in bold.***

*Please turn off your cell phones before the service begins.*

*The service begins with the prelude. This is a time for meditative prayer, silence, and centering.*

*Please be mindful of your neighbor's desire to prepare for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

“Meditation”

Alexandre Guilmant

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Darwin Popenoe

*Please sign the welcome register (**include last names please**) and pass it to your neighbor. When all have signed, pass it back so you can see the names of those with whom you are worshipping. (**Please remove the signed page and place it in the offering plate**). Announcements are given by the liturgist. Those not printed in the bulletin must be handed to the liturgist before the service begins.*

**INTROIT #850, vs. 1**

“In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness”

Divinum Mysterium

**In a deep, unbounded darkness, long before the first light shone,  
you, O God, beyond all merit worked a wonder faith makes known:  
in your mercy, in your mercy, you embraced us as your own,  
evermore and evermore.**

**GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

From near and far, long-serving and first-timers, we enter this house together:

**We want to see Jesus!**

Share the good news, all are welcome in this place.

**We come, drawn by grace and challenge, ready to follow in faith.**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*HYMN #690**

“God's Glory Fills the Heavens”

St. Patrick

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**Confession (Unison)**

**We want to see you, Jesus...but sometimes we are too afraid to ask for help.**

**We want to see you...but we aren't sure if those people should be allowed to come too.**

**We want to see you...but we don't love the way you talk about sacrifice and death,  
or about outcasts and sinners.**

**We want to see you...but we also want to know how it'll go first.**

**Forgive us. Fill us with courage to step forward and seek, with openness to those around us,  
with vision to see your big picture, with trust to follow you.**



## CHARGE

## BENEDICTION

**\*Response #543, vs. 5**

Green Tyler

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,**

**Christ in the hearts of all who know me:**

**O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

## POSTLUDE

“Grand Chorus”

Alexandre Guilmant

## **A note (or two) of Thanks –**

Thank you, thank you, thank you – to all who helped and participated in the celebration of my 25 years at MAPC last Sunday. Yesterday (St. Patrick’s Day) was the anniversary of my first rehearsal with the chancel choir 25 years ago! (Lucky me!) That’s 1,250 plus or minus a few church services, plus many weddings and unions, many memorable memorial services, thousands of rehearsals, plus parades and poetry, concerts, joys, sorrows, laughter and tears -- it has all gone so fast, and I cannot think of how empty my life would have been without the great music, deep thoughts, friends and good work (ministry) that have happened the past 25! I thank God, St. Cecilia and Margaret Champion for leading me to this life-force (you) that is Mt. Auburn! I cherish the memories and look forward to the future! Again, thanks to all, to each. --- Christian