

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2018

11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

"Prayer"

Cesar Franck

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Church of Scotland)

One: In the name of God,  
who created us,

**All: who holds us and the whole world in his hands**

One: In the name of the Son  
who came into the world,

**All: who reconciles us with God.**

One: In the name of the Holy Spirit  
who fills us with eternal life,  
who links us with all Christians  
and incites us to peace,

**All: we come together to offer our thanks and praise.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISING

"We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

(see insert)

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Jesus Loves Me"

(congregation sings)

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.*

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

"Jesus Loves Me"

vs. 3

*Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.*

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Lord, you set your face towards Jerusalem  
and walked alongside those who suffer.**

**Be our vision that we too may walk the way of the cross  
and extend a hand to those we meet.**

**You took time to pray and time to be silent.**

**Be our vision that through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving  
we too may draw close and find your way.**

**Lord, give us the gladness of your help and support.**

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(ecumenical version)

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM "Our Lord Endured The Cross" Lloyd Larson

Our Lord endured the cross, for us he suffered loss. He bore the shame and sorrow in our place. Against a lonely sky, his cross was lifted high, so all the world could know the gift of grace. Our Lord endured the cross; he chose to die alone. Christ laid aside his story crown and made the cross his throne. He felt the awful pain; he paid the awesome cost. To heal our hearts, he took the blame, and endured the cross. The Lord was marked with scorn, he wore a crown of thorns. Upon the cross in agony he cried. Upon that lonely hill he did his Father's will. And still today his arms are open wide. Amazing love!

How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (Message Paraphrase)

*Key verse: Christ is God's ultimate miracle and wisdom all wrapped up in one. Human wisdom is so tiny, so impotent, next to the seeming absurdity of God. Human strength can't begin to compete with God's "weakness."*

**Leader: The Word of God.** All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

***Lenten Sermon Series—Why a Cross?:***

**SERMON "Modern Cross Bearers Inspire Us"**

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn "Take Up Thy Cross" No. 415

\*Doxology for Lent

**Praise God through out these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts, God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

\*Prayer Over the Gifts

GOING FORTH IN JOY

**\*HYMN OF SERVING "Inspired by Love and Anger" (see insert)**

\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

One: Sisters and brothers of Christ, go into your week with purpose.

Go forth with forgiveness and grace.

Go forth with compassion and love toward the neighbor who may not deserve it.

**All: We go as Christ's family, even as fools in the name of Love, for all the world. May it be so.**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" arr. Diane Clark

\*POSTLUDE "Finale from Symphony VI" Charles-Marie Widor