

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE "Prelude: Fugue in G minor" J.S. Bach
Lydia Jessee, guest organist

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED
Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE TO OUR NEIGHBOR
This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth, Creator of our world, and everything in it, yet as close to us as our own breath—holy is Your name.
People: In You we live and move and have our being; we are Your own children, the work of Your hands.
Leader: We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as we worship, opening our eyes to Your presence, opening our ears to Your Word.
People: Receive the worship of our hearts and minds and bodies; may it be a pleasing offering to You. We pray in the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose death and resurrection we find life. Amen.

*HYMN "Maker, in Whom We Live" No. 88

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN
 "Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" No. 292 (vs. 1)

PRAYER LITANY Selected from Psalm 51
Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

People: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" No. 292 (vs. 2 & 3)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

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, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG

CHORAL ANTHEM "Holy Ground" Diane Clark

I went to the mountain; to seek my soul. I thought I heard God's voice saying, "take off your shoes, for this is holy ground." I sat in the quiet, listening for the still, small voice. I waited and waited, desiring, but I was disappointed. At last I released my desire, surrendering to the silence. Then a voice spoke softly, saying, "Go home, my child, and you will see that every bush is burning, And all ground is holy. Listen there, and you will hear my voice."

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 17: 16-28 (NT p. 137)

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

MESSAGE *Lenten Sermon Series—Credo:*

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD The Apostles Creed (Hymnal No. 882)

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory Hymn "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" No. 500

*Doxology No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "The Gift of Love" No. 408

*BLESSING

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

*POSTLUDE "Allegro appassionato from Sonata No. 5" Alexander Guilmant