

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 26, 2017**

**11:00 A.M.**

***Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors***

GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE "Fugue in D Major" J.S. Bach  
Karin Willman, guest organist

INTROIT "There's Just Something About That Name" arr. Gloria Axelson  
*CUMC Adult Handbells, Lynne Lombard, director*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED  
MISSION SPOTLIGHT

\*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE TO OUR NEIGHBOR

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy God, we are in awe of your creative and sustaining power.

**All: We are overwhelmed with the gift of Jesus Christ, who showed the depth and breath of your love.**

One: We know you have promised that where two or three are gathered, there you will be also.

**All: Help us to be aware of your Spirit's presence today that we might sense your care and see your path for our lives.**

\*HYMN

**"How Can We Name a Love"**

**No. 111**

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.*

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

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 393

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy Spirit, you poured yourself out on the people of the early church, pour yourself out on us now. You set their tongues on fire so as to speak to one another in ways that could be understood. Set our tongues on fire to speak in ways so others may hear the good news about Jesus. Jesus, you said you had to go away so that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Counselor would come and it was so. Come once again Holy Spirit as the Advocate that we all need, as the Counselor we all need, and as the Helper we all need. Come Holy Spirit, fan your flames of love and empowerment, set us on fire for you once again. Bring new life to our dry spirits. Amen.**

**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

"Abound In Hope"

Mark Hayes

May the God of hope fill you with joy, the joy that comes from only God, that you may abound in endless hope, abound in everlasting hope. May the God of hope fill you with peace, the peace that comes from only God, that you may abound in endless hope, abound in everlasting hope. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. When all supports are washed away He then is all my hope and stay. When I behold the risen Lord, my hope is once again restored.

May the God of hope fill you with grace, the grace that comes from only God, that you may abound in endless hope, abound in everlasting hope.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14: 18-20, 25-26; Acts 2: 17-18

NT p. 109; 119)

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

## MESSAGE

***Lenten Sermon Series—Credo:*****"I Believe in The Holy Spirit"**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A Modern Affirmation

Hymnal No. 885

## GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory Hymn

"O Spirit of the Living God"

No. 539

\*Doxology

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here

below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE****\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT****"Holy, Holy"****No. 2039****\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION****\*CHORAL BENEDICTION****"May God Keep You Forever"****Brenda Henegar****\*POSTLUDE****"Allegro Maestoso"****Felix Mendelssohn**

Karin Willman, guest organist