

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

February 18, 2018

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

"Prelude on Psalm 34 vs. 6"

Herbert Howells

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(based on Psalm 100—The Message)

Leader: The bags are packed and set for the journey. Are you ready?

People: Not really. We have so much still to do.

Leader: The Lord calls to us now. The Peace of God is at hand.

People: What will be required of us for this journey?

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits. Take the risk of discipleship.

People: Lord, help us to be ready as we step forward in faith. Amen.

*HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

No. 159

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

HYMN

"Kyrie" (Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy)

No. 2275

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have lists of things to do, for all the areas of our lives. Our lives are so time bound and duty bound that we feel imprisoned in them. Now we are challenged by Christ to take a journey of discipleship in the way of the cross. We don't feel ready for this journey. We need more time. And we complain about how much we have to do. Forgive us, Lord, when we place so many "duties" in the path to serving you. Reset our priorities so that we will be ready to commit our lives in your service. Lord, help us to be ready when you call us. Help us to courageously answer the summons you bring. Let us place our trust in you in all things. Amen.

Words of Assurance

"God is merciful and full of steadfast love. God will not let us go. God forgives us and lead us in paths of steadfast love and faithfulness."

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 AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Hope for the World"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Lynn Hansen, oboe

Hope of the world, help to the helpless; a humble Servant, Savior, God's only son, sent to redeem us; hosannas ring praise without end. Amazing love! How great a Savior! Christ comes to set the captive free. A love beyond all comprehension, the grace of God for all to see. Amazing love for you and me!

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself; O, nobody else could walk it for Him; He had to walk it by Himself. Jesus walked this lonesome valley, despised, rejected and alone. And alone; He carried our sorrows, griefs and burdens. He had to bear them all alone. Jesus bore them all alone.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2: 21-24

(NT p. 233)

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

Lenten Sermon Series—The Signs and Sacrifices:

SERMON

"Why a Cross?"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

"O Young and Fearless Prophet"

No. 444

*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 of Dedication

GOING FORTH IN JOY

***HYMN OF DEDICATION "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**

No. 269

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"May the Heavenly Father"

Roger Wilson

*POSTLUDE

"Litanies"

Jehan Alain