

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 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

One: Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another."

**All: Loving God, we come to worship today because you draw us in by your love.**

One: Help us love you in return.

**All: We come to worship needing love in our lives:  
love for family, friends, strangers, enemies.**

One: In this hour of worship,  
touch our hearts,  
fill our hearts,  
open our hearts

**All: To your love which passes all understanding. Amen**

\*HYMN "Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Ministry of Music "Sing to The Lord" CUMC Children's Choir

"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 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" No. 287

UNISON PRAYER

**Christ Jesus you hung upon a cross and died for us  
so that we might live for you. Your body was broken and your blood shed  
so that we might be healed and made whole.  
You were faithful unto death so that we might be faithful unto life.  
Your last command was that we might love one another:  
one family together from every tribe and nation,  
a new creation united through your sacrifice,  
redeemed by your love, healed by your grace,  
united by your covenant of peace. In your death may we find life. 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 AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"And Can It Be?"

Dan Forrest

*Peggy Johnson, piano*

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain— for me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace— emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race: 'tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me! 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me! No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine; alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 12: 46-50; John 19: 25b-27 (NT p. 13; 114)

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

*Lenten Sermon Series—Why a Cross?:*

SERMON

"The Cross as a Sign of Christian Community"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Hymn

"Glory In the Cross"

(see insert)

\*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

God of the Cross, in surrendering our lives we find them in you. In sharing our money and time, we receive the blessings of your Kingdom. Use these gifts toward your holy work of mission and service. Bless us with all we need to faithfully serve Christ through the ministry of his Church. Amen.

**GOING FORTH IN JOY**

\*HYMN "Would I Have Answered When You Called" (No. 2137 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

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

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