

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 31, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Meditation on Psalm 23 Verse 4" Herbert Howells

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

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

*PASSING CHRIST'S 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

One: We gather this morning in the name of the Creator,
Who, even now, creates time and space,
Galaxies, stars and planets;
And in the name of Jesus Christ, born on planet Earth;
And in the name of the Spirit, who fills Earth with her presence,

**ALL: Creator God,
In this time we call "now"
And in this space we call "here",
We gather to worship You.
And allow your presence be felt amongst us.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" No. 384

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" (sung processional)

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small, Washing tired feet, and saving those who fall; Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

(sung recessional)

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Lee and Stephanie with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

LITANY CALL TO PRAYER

One: Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth and Calvary

**All: We celebrate your birth
Come and be born in us**

One: Jesus of the manger and the inn
Jesus of the workshop and the temple
Jesus who sides with the outsider,

**All: We celebrate your presence in the now.
Come and be born in our prayers.**

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 of the World" Lloyd Larson
Oboe: Lynn Hansen

Hope of the world, help to the helpless; humble servant, savior, friend; God's only son, sent to redeem us; hosannas ring praise without end. Amazing love! How great a savior! Christ come to set the captives 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; oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself. Jesus walked this lonesome valley, despised, rejected and alone. He carried our sorrows, griefs and burdens. He had to bear them all alone. Jesus bore them all alone.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15: 11-32 (NT p. 78)

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

MESSAGE *Walking The Way of Jesus*
"The Way Home" Rev. John Ellinger

RESPONDING TO THE WORD A Creed of Our Faith (see below)

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" No. 378

*DOXOLOGY No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. 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 OVER THE GIFTS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Christ Loves the Church" No. 590

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "May God Keep You Forever" Brenda Henegar

*POSTLUDE "Allegro and Fugue in D" Felix Mendelson Bartholdy

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

A Creed of Our Faith

(created by CUMC 8TH Grade Confirmands, April 2015)

One: We believe in God as Creator –
The One who made the bang behind the Big Bang,
Who created the heavens, earth, air we breathe,
plus all that is seen and unseen;
From the atom to the human soul to the furthest galaxy
not even Hubble can see.

Women & Girls:

We believe in God as Christ –
The One who walked and talked among us,
knowing our pain and joy;
Who knew we needed a human affirmation
of what God is like;
Who loved, healed, gave, and forgave
deeper than anyone before or since;
Who suffered a criminal's death unjustly for us,
but rose again to live on in us.

Men & Boys:

We believe in God as Holy Spirit –
The One who bumps our conscience to do the right thing;
Who always, always points us to God's ways,
reminding us we are part of something
bigger than ourselves;
Who reminds us to step away from the jail cell
we make for ourselves and our neighbors.

**ALL: We believe God is in the Church –
The place where I'm shown how to think for myself
as a Christian, but also how to love my neighbor;
Where I get a thousand reminders to live like Christ,
and see how to serve while leading.
The Church is so much more than a building;
it is a happening.
On top of all this, we are still learning.
This we believe.**