

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
March 7, 2010
Third Sunday in Lent/Communion Sunday
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As you enter the Sanctuary, please be mindful of those around you who may wish to prepare for worship with prayer and silent reflection.

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE Jesus Paid It All Arr. A. C. Whitworth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Our Living Church*

CHORAL INTROIT

OPENING SENTENCES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Glory be to God.

People: In whom all our needs are fulfilled.

Leader: By the grace of God we have been set free.

All: By God's grace we have been called.

*HYMN #609 Take My Life (Vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6) HENDON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God, you have called us to be pilgrims. Forgive us when we weary of the journey and seek security rather than the open road. Forgive us when we feel the risk of the journey is too great. Grant us pilgrim spirits in this Lenten season and lead us to the new life of Easter. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: On the journey of Lent we seek a spirit of discernment and wisdom. On the journey of Lent we move toward relationship with God. Follow Jesus and know new life. Seek the Spirit and know new insight. Move toward God and know grace. You are forgiven.

Now let us pray as one pilgrim people: "*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*"

*ACT OF PRAISE *The Gloria Patri (Unison)*
Glory be to the Father (*God*), and to the Son (*Christ*), and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM Lamb of God Twila Paris

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Whiter than Snow A. C. Whitworth

*Doxology *Note Lenten Words* TUNE: OLD HUNDRETH

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 13:1-9 (*pew Bible page 848*)

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Rev Thomas
"THE DASH BETWEEN THE DATES"

*HYMN #321 Break Thou the Bread of Life BREAD OF LIFE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*see back of Hymnal*)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As a symbol of our unity in Christ, the Deacons invite the congregation to partake of the elements after all are served. (Note: The crackers in the round container on each communion plate are gluten-free for those who can not eat bread that contains gluten.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Unison*)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN #517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BLESSING: "Peace be with you."
RESPONSE: "and with your spirit."

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION (*Responsive*)

Leader: May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey;

People: may the Spirit of Wisdom give us vision for the road;

Leader: may the love of Christ make us caring companions;

All: as together we go forth in this Lenten time. Amen.

*SUNG BENEDICTION (*Unison*) Joyce Elaine Eilers

Go Ye Now in Peace

Go ye now in peace, and know that the love of God will guide you. Feel his presence here beside you showing you the way. In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you, know that the Lord will never leave you. He will bring you courage. Know that the God who sent his Son to die that you might live will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world. Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.

*POSTLUDE The Crusaders R. Volkmann

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

Linda & Dana Crawford greet you this morning.

Amber Bock serves as Liturgist.

Rev Elaine Gaetani is on vacation until March 9.

Please welcome the **Rev Betsy Sowers** who helps lead our worship.

Student Minister **Carol Steinbrecher** is attending her son Fisher's First Communion.

Jerry Lyle & Eddie Newton are Deacons this week.

Jack Barry, Carolyn Bent, Linda Birch, Nancy Gook, Serena Leiser & Nancy Uhlman are Communion Servers today.

Polly Howard gives flowers in loving memory of Harold Howard.

Suzanne Arpante is Trustee liaison.