



## **Call to Worship**

### **Prelude**

### **Liturgical Response**

**Leader:** *The Lord is in His holy Temple,*

**Response:** *Let all the earth keep silent before Him.  
Habakkuk 2:20.*

### **Lighting the Christ Candle “As the Deer”**

*As the deer pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart’s desire,  
And I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire,  
And I long to worship you.*

*I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy,  
You alone are the real joy giver,  
And the apple of my eye.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire,  
And I long to worship you.*

### **Presenting the Word**

**Leader:** *How sweet are your words to my taste, O Lord,  
sweeter than the taste of honey.*

**Response:** *Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light  
unto my path! Psalm 119: 105*

### **✠ Song #30 (LYH) “Great Is the Lord”**

*Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,  
By His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;  
By His mercy He proves He is love.*

*Great is the Lord and worthy of glory,  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise,  
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!*

*Great are you, Lord, you are holy and just,  
By your power we trust in your love.  
Great are you Lord, you are faithful and true,  
By your mercy you prove you are love.*

*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory,  
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise,  
Great are you, Lord; I lift up your voice,  
I lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!*

### **✠ Song “I Love You, Lord”**

*I love you Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship you, O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy my King, in what you hear,  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

**Lead Leader:** *This is our hope,  
Response:* *To know Christ and make Him known.*

### **Greeting:**

*You are somebody,  
somebody on the Lord’s side.  
You are somebody,  
somebody on the Lord’s side.*

**Leader:** *May the peace of Christ be with you.*

**Response:** *And also with you.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

- **Welcome to visitors.**
- **Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Congregational Survey – Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Women’s Retreat: Tracy will report.**
- **Lenten Bible Study Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**
- **Prayer Request:**
  - **Famine around the world**

### **Confession:**

**Leader:** *God is Good!*

**Response:** *All the time!*

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**Response:** *God is good to me!*

### **✠ Song #483 (BH) Who Reigns Above”**

**“Sing Praise to God,**

*Sing praise to God, who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation;  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
And every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!*

*What God’s almighty power hath made,  
God’s gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade  
God’s watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of God’s might,  
Lo! All is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!  
The Lord is never far away,*

*But through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay,  
Our peace, and joy, and blessing;  
As with a mother’s tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory*

### **Confession of Sin**

**Invitation to Silent Confession:** *God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. Let us go before the Lord and silently confess our sin!*

### **Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon: Leader:** *Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**Response:** *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Amen. Psalm 51:10*

### **✠ Response to Pardon “Doxology“**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.  
Praise Triune, whom we adore.*

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever!  
Amen!*

**Consecration of Gifts:  
The Bread and the Cup  
Offering**

**Worship Asst:** *For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!*

*Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him!*

*Even more than this: Let us “present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!*

**✠ Song #117 (LYH)  
“Take Up Your Cross”**

*Take up your cross and follow me,  
lift up the yoke of your salvation,  
put on the armor of the Word,  
and walk in the Truth and Light.*

*What would it profit you  
to gain the world for a day?  
If you would have your life,  
first, you must give it away.*

*Take up your cross and follow me,  
lift up the yoke of your salvation,  
put on the armor of the Word,  
and walk in the Truth and Light.*

*What would it profit you  
to gain the world for a day?  
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lift up the yoke of your salvation,  
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**Prayer of Dedication**

**Story Time**

**“Beyond Our Imaginations”  
3:1-21 and 12:12-15**

**John**

**CHOIR  
Me and Remember”**

**“Think of**

**Scripture Lesson**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13, 16-17, John 3:1-10, 16-17**

1 *What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?*

2 *For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.*

3 *For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”*

4 *Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.*

5 *But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.*

13 *For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.*

16 *For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,*

17 *as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed....*

1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

3 Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’

8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Leader: The Word of the Lord!**

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

#### **"Faith and Faithfulness"**

✠ **Song #276 (BH)**

**Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**"Great**

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

**Refrain:** *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

**Refrain:** *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

### **The Lord's Supper**

#### **Liturgical Response**

**Leader:** *Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

**Response:** *O give thanks to the Lord for He is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever!*

### **✠ Benediction**

✠ **Song #138 (LYH)**

**"Go with God"**

*Go with God (Christ), go with God (Christ),  
As you leave this place go with God (Christ).  
God (Christ) will direct your way, God (Christ) will light every day.  
As you leave this place*

### **Postlude**