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March 2, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Liturgist: Rev. Shelly Moe

Welcome! We're glad you are here to worship with us. For instructions and tips on how we worship via Zoom, please download this document:

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Gathering the People of God

WELCOME

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

CENTERING TIME

"Ubi Caritas"
BY JACQUES BERTHIER

Holly Silcox
Cantor
Molly Winkler
Guitar

We use this time to center our spirits, pay attention to God in our breath, and remember that we are connected through the Body of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ,
our teacher and savior.

**✠ Grace and peace in the name of God,
our creator and healer.**

God will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs.

Trust in God's goodness.

Trust in God's abundance.

Trust in God's love!

✠ Thanks be to God!

***HYMN**

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”
(“Near to the Heart of God”)

Chancel Choir

*There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.*

Refrain:

***O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.***

*There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]*

*There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Adapted from Psalm 51

⌘ **Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
and cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you alone, have we sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.
Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean;
wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.**

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within us.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in us a willing spirit.
Then we will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
O God, open our lips,
and our voices will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if we were to give a burnt offering,
you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE^{1,2}

According to Creator's abundant mercy,
there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance,
and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

✠ **We are forgiven by God's grace.**

We are made new by God's love.

**Let us rejoice and give thanks to God,
in whom we have hope for the sake of the world!**

RESPONSE

"Be Still and Know That I Am God"
(3 times)

#414

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

Listening for God's Word

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

ANTHEM

"A Lenten Prayer"
HAL HOPSON

Chancel Choir

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.

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.

We must walk this lonesome valley,
we have to walk it by ourselves;
oh. nobody else can walk it for us,
we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial,
you have to stand it by yourself,
oh, nobody else can stand it for you,
you have to stand it by yourself.

And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2,1-2, 12-17
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.
⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

"When you pray..."

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Responding to God's Word

*REFLECTION

*A time of reflection and meditation
(Feel free to share reflections in the chat)*

"What Wondrous Love Is This"
(vv. 1, 3, 4)

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

⌘ **We lift them to our Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

⌘ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O God, we praise you for you feed your own. ...

... And so, with heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place, we sing of your glory:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

#1

(v. 3)

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

In Christ you revealed your truth ...

PRAYER OF JESUS (Modern)

⌘ **Our Creator in Heaven, blessed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Keep us from temptation, and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SIGN OF THE CROSS & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

⌘ **In life and in death,
we belong to God.**

*Receive the elements of God's goodness,
and remember your mortality
as we remember God's immortal love.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

***HYMN**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Chancel Choir

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

SERVICE ENDS IN SILENCE

*We depart in silence to observe a holy and repentant Lenten season,
holding in tension the hope we have in the Resurrection!*

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