



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP FEBRUARY 25, 2018



# LENT

Lent is a forty-day preparation period for Good Friday and Easter which begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through the Thursday before Easter, not counting Sundays. In this penitential season, Christians around the world renew their commitment to prayer (right relationship with God), fasting (right relationship with self), and giving (right relationship with others). These spiritual disciplines slow us down, help us to see the world and our faith in a new way, and hopefully lead us toward greater shalom and justice.

We use the color **purple** in the sanctuary during Lent. The color symbolizes both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus but it is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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9:30 am

10:30 am

12:00 noon

1:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

Family Worship Service

Fellowship Hour

Choir Practice

# WORSHIP SERVICE

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING

### \*Call to Worship from Psalm 22:22-31

*I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!*

***For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.***

*From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows. The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever!*

***All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.***

*All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.*

***They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!***

## Praise

### \*Songs of Praise:

*“Come People of the Risen King”*

*“This I Believe”*

*“How Great Thou Art” (#553 vs. 1-4)*

### \*God’s Greeting

**Vocal Duet:** *“Lord I Need You”*

## Renewal

### Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. See us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow**

more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

**Sung Prayer of Confession:** “Remember Not, O God” (#632 vs. 1-3)

**Assurance of Pardon from 1 Peter 2:24**

*This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed.*

*Friends, this is the good news.*

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**Response of Gratitude:** “Children of the Heavenly Father” (#23 vs. 1-4)

## RESPONSE

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering:** Alameda Christian School

**\*Hymn of Dedication of Gifts:**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (#876 vs. 1)

## PROCLAMATION

**A Word to Children of All Ages**

**Dismissal of Children for Kids Connection**

**Scripture:** John 12:20-36 (p. 1126)

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “Walk While You Have the Light”

**Response of Faith:** HC QA 22-23, 31-32

**\*Hymn of Response:** “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” (#121 vs. 1-5)

## SENDING

**\*Closing Prayer**

*Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology:** “Now Thank We All Our God” (#543 vs. 3)

**Postlude**

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**Participants:**

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Keiko Pederson

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