



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP MARCH 11, 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

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING

### \*Call to Worship from Psalm 57: 5, 7-11

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth!

**My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.**

Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

**I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.**

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth!**

## Praise

### \*Songs of Praise

*“How Great Is Our God” (#574)*

*“I’ll Fly Away”*

*“Awesome God”*

### \*God’s Greeting

**Hymn of Adoration:** *“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear” (#594 vs. 1-4)*

## Renewal

**Call to Confession through the Law** (Deuteronomy 5:1-33)

**Prayer of Confession:** (#653)

**Almighty and loving God, we confess that we put our trust in other gods alongside of you and in place of you. By the Holy Spirit’s power, help us to know you, the only true God, as you have revealed yourself in your Word, to trust in you alone, to look to you for every good thing, humbly and patiently, and to love, fear, and honor you with all our hearts. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (Acts 10:34, 13:38, & Ephesians 1:7)

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Through Jesus

forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you today. In him we have redemption through his blood, according to the riches of his grace.

*This is the good news we have through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

**Response of Gratitude:**

*“How Blest Are They Whose Trespass” (#669 vs. 1-5\* verse 4 solo)*

## Response

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering: General Fund**

**\*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:** Philippians 2:1-11 (p. 1230)

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “The Joy of Like-mindedness”

**Response of Faith:** HC QA 42-43

**\*Hymn of Response:** “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” (#823 vs. 1-2, 5)

## SENDING

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

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### Participants:

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Keiko Pederson