



WELCOME TO WORSHIP MARCH 18, 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.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

*Call to Worship from Psalm 34:1-3, 8, 19-22

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord! Let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord; let us exalt his name together.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. But the Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Praise

*Songs of Praise:

“To My Precious Lord” (#136)

“Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land” (#138)

“We Are People on a Journey” (#142)

*God’s Greeting

Choral Anthem: *“There Is A Fountain”*

Renewal

Call to Confession (Matthew 22:37-40)

Our Lord Jesus said: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”*

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Silence followed by Sung Prayer of Confession:

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” (#627 vs. 1-3)

Assurance of Pardon (based on Isaiah 44:21-22, 49:15 & 66:13)

Remember these things, O Jacob and Israel, for you are my servants; I formed you, and you will not be forgotten. I have swept away your sins and transgressions like a cloud, like a mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

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

Amen.

Response of Gratitude: "Before the Throne of God Above" (#682 vs. 1-3)

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: John 13: 1-17 (p. 1127)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "As I Have Done For You"

Response of Faith: HC QA 65-67

***Hymn of Response:** "As He Gathered at His Table" (#155 vs. 2, 5-7)

SENDING

***Benediction**

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

Postlude

Participants:

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Carrie Dole