

Communion Service for March 1, 2020

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “I Will Rise” -arr. J. Raney (*Hand bell Choir*)

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Today the journey begins. Are you ready?

All: There is so much I still have to do. I am not sure I'll ever be ready.

One: Let go of those things that chain you to despair.

All: Lord, help me look and see the ways in which I have abandoned you.

One: Come, let us worship and feel the power of freedom in God.

All: Open our hearts today to receive your freeing love, O Lord.

• GATHERING HYMN #589 “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”

• CALL TO CONFESSION

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony.

You invite us to participate in the balance of creation. Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We gather today to gather in the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth. Do not let our hearts be fearful but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.

• SILENT CONFESSION

• ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.**

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME (*Ushers pick up prayer cards*)

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST **Ciao** (*pronounced chow*).

RESPONSE “Walk With Me”

(Children, age 3 through 3rd grade leave for church school.)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you,
And build the land that God has planned,
Where love shines through.**

SCRIPTURE

First Reading:	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	<i>(page 2)</i>
	Psalm 32:1-11	<i>(page 506)</i>
Second Reading:	Matthew 4:1-11	<i>(page 3)</i>
	Romans 5:12-19	<i>(page 156)</i>

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” -arr. L. Smith
(Rhonda Stelpflug, clarinet)

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In unison)*

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

- HYMN #211 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *(Hand bell Choir)* -arr. P. Bettcher

- OFFERTORY RESPONSE #382 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”
(Verse 1) (Sung by all)

**We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

• PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(In unison)*

Faithful God let these gifts reach out and touch all who have suffered and longed for your presence. May these offerings strengthen all of us to resist temptation and lead us to attend to those who need your healing touch. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our example and savior. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(At Emanuel, we practice an open table, you do not need to be a member of this church or this denomination to share in this meal which celebrates God's love. Today, you will be invited forward, please take a piece of gluten-free bread and dip the bread in the wine (red) or grape juice (white), or take a small glass of juice. If you prefer communion at your seat, a server will come to you).

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Hymn of Thanksgiving #111 *(Sung by all)*

Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!

Sharing the Supper

Communion Hymn #398 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(In unison)*

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for refreshing us in body and spirit by allowing us to share in this holy meal. We have come from many places with many needs, and through your presence in worship you have given us the gift of new life. We thank you for bread and cup. We thank you for silence and prayer. We thank you for lesson and song. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #432 "O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life"

• BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE "The Glory of These Forty Days" -arr. M. Sedio

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship. Emanuel now offers online giving with the **GIVE+** program. For more details, please contact the church office or log on to our webpage emanuel-ucc.org and click on the **GIVE+** icon at the bottom.*