

# Sunday Service for March 8, 2020

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” -arr. W. Held

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: As people of faith, we may be asked to leave the places we have known and journey with God.

**All: But we are secure where we are.**

One: But, new ways of being in this world are possible for each of us.

**All: Can't God bless us where we are, and as we are?**

One: If we trust enough to move from the places we have known, and question the ways of the world around us, we will be blessed by God, our light and our salvation.

**All: Lord, we open ourselves to you. Direct our paths and open our hearts and minds.**

• GATHERING HYMN #638 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

• GATHERING PRAYER (*In unison*)

**O God our Creator, your kindness comes to us new each morning. Help us to leave yesterday, not be anxious about tomorrow, and appreciate the unique gift of this day. Open us to the movement of your Holy Spirit that we may desire to bring new life deep in the center of our being.**

• SILENT PRAYER

• 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 collect prayer cards*)

YOUTH CHOIR “He Went About Doing Good” -arr. N. Johnson

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST      Marhaba – (*Mar-ha-ba*)

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Sing vibrantly*)  
**Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,  
come now and worship the Lord. (Repeat as necessary)**

#### SCRIPTURE

First Reading:           **Genesis 12:1-4a**                   (*page 10*)  
                                  Psalm 121                                   (*page 571*)  
Second Reading:       **John 3:1-17**                           (*page 93*)  
                                  Romans 4:1-5, 13-17           (*page 154*)

#### SERMON

PRAISE RESPONSE “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (*Sing 2x*)  
**Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I’m so glad You’re in my life; I’m so glad You came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high!**

#### 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.**

#### OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “God So Loved the World” -arr. T. Smith & D. Hustard  
(*Beth Ciche, piano; Marl Breutzmann, organ*)

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

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

**Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. Through our response we proclaim our intention to be faithful to you and express your blessing to others. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #480 “I Love to Tell the Story”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “The God of Abraham Praise” -arr. H. Hopson

**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.*

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