

# *Celebration of Worship*

*Second Sunday in Lent*

*Celebrating the Gifts of Women*

March 12, 2017

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

## **Thought for Reflection**

*“He told us to sit down in the grass on the hill and through mystery and wonder, by his words, by his gifts, by his presence, we were satisfied, we became whole, we were made new.”*

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## ***We Gather at God’s Invitation***

WELCOME AND GREETING

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Seek Ye First* arr. Wagner

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE From *Psalms 33*

Leader: Good people, cheer GOD!  
Right-living people sound best when praising.  
Use guitars to reinforce your Hallelujahs!  
Play his praise on a grand piano!  
Invent your own new song to him;  
Give GOD a trumpet fanfare.

**All: For GOD’s Word is solid to the core;  
Everything GOD makes is sound inside and out.  
The Lord loves it when everything fits,  
When the world is in plumb-line true.  
Earth is drenched in GOD’s affectionate satisfaction.**

Leader: Watch this: GOD’s eye is on those who respect him,  
The ones who are looking for the love of the Lord.  
He’s ready to come to their rescue in bad times;  
In lean times GOD keeps body and soul together.

**All: We’re depending on GOD;  
The Lord is everything we need.  
What’s more, our hearts brim with joy  
Since we’ve taken for our own GOD’s holy name.  
Love us, GOD, with all you’ve got –  
That’s what we’re depending on.**

INTROIT *Many and Great* arr. Wissinger  
Chimers

\* *Please stand, if you are able*  
+ *Found on the screen*

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

\* GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

\* HYMN OF PRAISE *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***God Speaks through the Word***

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Prayer

*(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)*

PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

SERMON *A Gift of Abundance in the Face of Scarcity*

Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

+ OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Genesis 12:1-5* The Message

+ NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Mark 6:30-44* The Message

## ***God Offers Grace and Forgiveness***

CALL TO CONFESSION *Psalms 32:1-7*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked ways in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting.

*Silence*

GOD’S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS GRANTED *Psalms 32:8-11*

***We Respond with Our Prayers, Gifts and Lives***

\* HYMN                      *What Wondrous Love Is This*                      # 85

THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *Who Is the One We Love the Most*                      Schalk

Who is the one we love the most, the one who has our total trust?  
Something or someone is our God, whose will is willingly obeyed,  
To whom we give the years we live: Let that be you, our God, our Lord!  
  
Count every heartbeat, every breath; trace every step from birth to death;  
Track every second to its source, each drop of blood, each blade of grass,  
The rising sun, and every one: Let that be you, our God, our Lord!  
  
Preserve us from all other gods, all damned, deceitful, loveless frauds;  
Compare them ruthlessly to you, the only One, eternal true Creator of all life  
and love;  
You are that One, our God, our Lord!  
  
A love no other god has shown; Your Son upon a cross makes known.  
How shall we worship such a God with more than words and passing nod,  
If not with whole heart, mind and soul, like yours for us, our God, our Lord?!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

***God Sends Us Out to Serve***

\* HYMN                      *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*                      # 416  
  Verses 1 and 4

\* GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\* POSTLUDE                      *Prelude in G minor*                      Bach