

# Celebration of Worship to Our God

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

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

“What does it mean when Jesus says, ‘Pick up your own cross daily and follow me?’ I think that it means to be willing to empty your pockets for somebody else’s children. I think it means to treat as father and mother those who are not really your father and mother. I think it means to claim as brother and sister people to whom you are not kin. I think it means to reach out and touch the untouchable people as far as society is concerned. I think that it means to sit at table with people who live outside the tight social circle of some of your friends...to break bread together. It means to be a voice for moral values in a culture that will immediately accuse you of sinking into a bunch of moralistic thinking. It means to witness for Jesus Christ when true evangelism is being laughed at everywhere. It means being an advocate, to speak Gospel Truth as though something were at stake...it means to continue to give money to others when the paint is peeling on the sanctuary. I think that is what Jesus meant.”  
Fred Craddock, Princeton Theological Seminary

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Trad. Irish Melody

LETTING GOD INTO OUR HEARTS AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Leader: On these days of the Lenten journey,

**People: Christ goes with us side by side.**

Leader: While we gather here for worship,

**People: May our lives be focused with praise and care.**

Leader: As we sing, pray and listen,

**People: May God’s Spirit deep within us come alive.**

Leader: And may this time of worship

**People: Be for us a constant guide.**

Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

**People: As we all learn how to serve Christ more fully.**

\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* SINGING PRAISE TO GOD

Praise Team

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)  
As the Deer*

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

*When a Seed Dies*

Prayer

*(Children in Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed for Sunday School.)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

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GOSPEL LESSON

*John 12:20-33*

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SERMON

*Living the Selfless Life*

Pastor Larry De Vuyst

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

RECEIVING GOD’S GRACE

\* HYMN

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Back Cover

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*Is It I, Lord?*

Kellner

Chancel Choir

Surrounded by His friends, seated at His table, He drew them close to tell them of His love. The twelve He knew so well thought that they were able to follow Him wherever He would go. But then, to their surprise, sadness filled His eyes: He told His friends how one of them would give Him up to evil men. And suddenly the room filled with their cries:

Is it I, Lord? Is it I, Lord? Am I the one to send You to the cross?

How could I be the one to betray God’s only Son? Is it I, Lord? Is it I?

Surrounded by our friends, seated at His table, we recall the story of His love,

How He gave His life, as only He was able. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice

And then we realize, and tears flood our eyes;

His life was lived for us to see; His blood was shed for you and me,

And suddenly our hearts fill with the cry:

Is it I, Lord? Is it I, Lord? Am I the one to send You to the cross?

How could I be the one to betray God’s only Son? Is it I, Lord? Is it I?

To buy my pardon, Jesus died for me. “It is finished,” Jesus cried for me.

It was I, Lord! It was I, Lord! I’m the one that sent You to the cross.

You have paid my price by your guiltless sacrifice, It was I, Lord! It was I!

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

\* HYMN

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

\* POSTLUDE *All Praise to St. Patrick*

Anon.

\* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS