

A Service For The Worship Of God

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2018

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

 **Processional Hymn #350**

Fill My Cup

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 107: 1)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Unison: Let us celebrate God's love together.

Prayer Of The Day (In Unison)

**Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world.
Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over
the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us,
for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn: Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone – Chris Tomlin

Amazing Grace, how sweet the
sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see
'Twas Grace that taught my heart to
fear
And Grace my fears re - lieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set
free
My God, my Savior has ransomed
me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing Grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures
My chains are gone, I've been set
free
My God, my Savior has ransomed
me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing Grace
My chains are gone, I've been set
free
My God, my Savior has ransomed
me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing Grace
The earth shall soon dissolve like
snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine*

Call To Confession

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is judge. Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance Of Pardon

Leader: Our God has come to us and is not silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

Gloria Patri: *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.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

*Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

People: And Also With You.

Leader: Let us turn and greet one another

Children's Time

Hymn #85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

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.

Prayer Response

Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem

Hem of Your Robe

Scripture

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Message

Rev. Jack Cormack

Hymn: Chain Breaker – Zach Williams

If you've been walking the same old
road for miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old
voice tell the same old lies
If you're trying to feel the same old
holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life

If you've got pain
He's a pain taker
If you feel lost
He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you've got chains
He's a chain breaker

We've all search for the light of day
in the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out
from the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just
ain't right
And there's a better life
There's a better life

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*Charge and Benediction

*Response

May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.
May the grace of God shine down upon us, down upon us, and everyone we know.
This is our prayer as we leave this place with our hearts full of love and grace.
May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.

*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

Rev. Jack Cormack
Jennifer McCullough
Jo Lynne Palmerton

Pastor
Director of Music
Pianist

He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you've got chains
He's a chain breaker

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify Testify

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

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