

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “Here I Am, Lord”

arr. by Daniel L. Schutte

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: From water to wilderness:

**People: God’s covenant continues;
God’s kingdom comes near.**

Leader: On stone and in hearts:

**People: God’s covenant continues;
God’s kingdom comes near.**

Leader: From the ancestors of faith to the Son lifted up:

**People: God’s covenant continues;
God’s kingdom comes near.**

Leader: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

People: for where he is, we would be also.

*Opening Hymn #761 “Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

Poem “Service”

by Edgar A. Guest

I have no wealth of gold to give away,
But I can pledge to worthy causes these:
I'll give my strength, my days and hours of ease,
My finest thought and courage when I may,
And take some deed accomplished for my pay.
I cannot offer much in silver fees,
But I can serve when richer persons play,
And with my presence fill some vacancies.

There are some things beyond the gift of gold,
A richer treasure's needed now and then;
Some joys life needs which are not bought and sold—
The high occasion often calls for men.

Some for release from service give their pelf,
But he gives most who freely gives himself.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are not always sincere in our desire to follow Jesus. We claim to be his disciples, but we have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge and serve ourselves rather than serving others. We profess Christ's ways but fail to bear the cost of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our self-centeredness that we might sincerely repent and follow the path of your kingdom.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: our righteousness does not depend on our doing or not doing but on the love and forgiveness of Christ.

People: **Renewed by the mercy of God, we live as redeemed people. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Musical Response #577 "Lord, Have Mercy"

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

"Ticket to the Kingdom"

by Donald Moore

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Luke 22:24-27

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Traits of Kingdom Living: Servant Leadership"

*Hymn #727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" vs. 1-4

Time for Response to Sermon
Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

*Benediction

Postlude "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" arr. by Lloyd Larson

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God's presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Ruth M. Huff, Guest Preacher; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;
Calvary Singers; Cathy Jaynes, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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