



Preparation for Worship

How often have I lived through these weeks without paying much attention to penance, fasting, and prayer? How often have I missed the spiritual fruits of the season without even being aware of it? But how can I ever really celebrate Easter without observing Lent? How can I rejoice fully in your Resurrection when I have avoided participating in your death? Yes, Lord, I have to die—with you, through you, and in you—and thus become ready to recognize you when you appear to me in your Resurrection. There is so much in me that needs to die: false attachments, greed and anger, impatience and stinginess.... I see clearly now how little I have died with you, really gone your way and been faithful to it. O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.

— Henri Nouwen,
From A Cry for Mercy: Prayers from the Genesee, Orbis

Prelude

Sean Cator

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register

We Gather in God's Name

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Praise Song

Once Again

Praise Band

Call to Worship

Leader: We do not live by bread alone,

People: So we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.

Leader: We come at the Spirit's leading

People: To offer ourselves in service to Christ.

Leader: Come, find strength for the journey.

People: Let us worship the one, true God.

† Hymn #757

Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples

† Prayer of Confession

Most holy God, we admit to you and each other that we are so dazzled by the false gods of this age, that we often find it hard to recognize who we are, where we came from, or where we are going.

We easily become caught up in selfishness, or seduced by cynicism, way-laid by glittering consumerism, and led by the nose along the highways and byways created by powerful, vested interests that do not honor your Kingdom's ways.

Please open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly, and seek you more diligently. Help us to be your faithful people. Amen.

† Response #434

Restore in Us, O God (verse 1)

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;

Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

† Assurance of Forgiveness

One Voice: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Many Voices: Thanks be to God!

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Men's Chorus

Children's Message Greta Miller

Scripture Lesson Matthew 4:1-11

† Hymn #166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 4:14-16

Sermon *Tempted as We Are...?* Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Praise Band

† Response #409 *God is Here!* (verse 4)

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

† Prayer of Dedication Amy Trawick

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

† Benediction

Postlude Sean Cator



The Flowers are placed here

To the Glory of God

Your greeters today were JoAnn and Stewart Holmes.

Thanks to all those who prepare the sanctuary for worship, who greet and usher, who offer words to the children, and to the seldom seen counters and bulletin stuffers! All are encouraged to join in on these weekly tasks.

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IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY - We are very glad you chose to worship with us! Please sign our friendship register so that we can greet you by name and call on you if you desire. If you need help, please call on an usher for assistance.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - Please ask an usher for a Worship Bag. For infants through 3-year-olds, our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Children through 3rd grade have their own worship time following the Children's Message in the sanctuary. Please pick children up following worship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the second Sunday in September to the third Sunday in May. Please check the Youth bulletin boards in the main-level hallway to see the Youth schedule.