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Mid-week Lenten Service

March 19, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

PRELUDE

Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 53)

L: No one would even look at him; we ignored him as if he were nothing.

P: But he endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne. All the while we thought that his suffering was punishment sent by God.

L: But because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received.

P: All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going our own way. But the Lord made the punishment fall on him, the punishment all of us deserved.

*HYMN: "My Song is Love Unknown"

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OPENING PRAYER

L: Let us pray that Jesus will live in our hearts. (Silent prayer)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your life to redeem us, yourself for our example, your word for our rule, your love for our guide, your body on the cross for our sin.

ALL: Enter our hearts and take possession of them, and live with us forever; for you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Timothy: 2-3

PRAYERS

L: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,

P: and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

L: We pray to you, O God, for all who are worn out by illness, all who are wronged and oppressed, all who are suffering for righteousness' sake, for the weary and heavy-laden, and for the aged and the dying, that they may all be strengthened by your might, consoled by your love, and cherished by your fatherly kindness. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

MEDITATION: "Instructions to Live By"

Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: "O Jesus, We Adore Thee"

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L: Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that in the midst of death all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Amen.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

L: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

*Postlude

1 Timothy: 2-3

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument; also, that the women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with their hair braided, or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God. Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve;

and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with modesty.

The saying is sure: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. Now a bishop must be above reproach, married only once, temperate, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an apt teacher, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way—for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil.

Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons. Women likewise must be serious, not slanderers, but temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be married only once and let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:

He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles,
believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman, 1664

LOVE UNKNOWN 6.6.6.6.4.4.8.

John Ireland, 1925

1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2. He came from his blest throne, Sal - va - tion to be -
 3. Some - times they strew his way, And his sweet prais - es
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -

me, Love to the love - less shown, That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
 vine; Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I, That for my sake
 know. But O, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - jur - ies! Yet they at these
 thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise

My Lord should take Frail flesh and die.
 Who at my need His life did spend.
 And for his death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please, And 'gainst him rise.
 I all my days Could gai - ly spend.

O Jesus, We Adore Thee

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.

*Hans Leo Hassler, 1601**Arthur T. Russell, 1851**Harm. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729*

1. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Up - on the cross, our King!
 2. Yet doth the world dis - dain thee, Still pass - ing by the cross;
 3. O glo - rious King, we bless thee, No lon - ger pass thee by;

We bow our hearts be - fore thee, Thy gra - cious name we sing.
 Lord, may our hearts re - tain thee; All else we count but loss.
 O Je - sus, we con - fess thee The Son en - throned on high.

That name hath brought sal - va - tion, That name in life our stay,
 Ah, Lord, our sins ar - rained thee, And nailed thee to the tree:
 Lord, grant to us re - mis - sion; Life through thy death re - store;

Our peace, our con - so - la - tion When life shall fade a - way.
 Our pride, our Lord, dis - dained thee; Yet deign our hope to be.
 Yea, grant us the fru - i - tion Of life for - ev - er - more.