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Mid-week Lenten Service

March 26, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

PRELUDE

Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

P: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

L: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

P: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

L: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

P: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

*HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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OPENING PRAYER

ALL: All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen!

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Timothy: 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.

[Silent Reflection]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

P: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION: "More Instructions to Live By"

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L: Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love. Jesus offered his life for us to remove our dreadful curse. As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ. For his name and glory, we pray and present our gifts.

ALL: Amen.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

L: God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

P: Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

*Postlude

1 Timothy: 4

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron. They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer.

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end, we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

* All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans, 820
Tr. John M. Neale, 1854, alt.

ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
Melody by Melchior Teschner, 1615

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

1. Thou art thé king of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al son,
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing thee on high,
 3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore thee went;
 4. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
 5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat refrain after each stanza

Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed one.
 And mor - tal men and all things Cre - a - ted make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 To thee, now high ex - alt - ed Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious king!

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Second Tune

*John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872*REST 8.6.8.8.6.
Frederick C. Maker, 1887

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, For - give our fool - ish ways.
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian sea,
3. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, Till all our striv - ings cease;
4. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire Thy cool - ness and thy balm;

Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; In pur - er lives thy
The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like them, with -
Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our or - dered
Let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire: Speak through the earth-quake,

ser - vice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.
out a word, Rise up and fol - low thee.
lives con - fess The beau - ty of thy peace.
wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.