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Mid-week Lenten Service

March 4, 2026

** 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: Psalm 51 & 32

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: "Cleansing and Pardon"

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

Psalm 51: Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon: King David

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

16 For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

17 The sacrifice acceptable to God^a is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,

19 then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

The Joy of Forgiveness Of David. A Maskil.

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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.