

Order of Worship

March 1, 2009

Welcome, Announcements, and signing the Friendship Pads

Rev. Werner

Passing the Peace of Christ "May the grace and peace of Christ be with you."

Prelude and Morning Chimes

Carole Hall

Worship Leader

8:45 Peg Jones

11:00 Bob Dixon

+Opening Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

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+Unison Invocation

**God of life, prepare our hands for a touch, a new and different touch; a touch of encounter, a touch of awakening, a touch of hope, a touch of feeling. Give us daring to create new dimensions of community, new links of affection, breaking away from old ways of relating, encouraging true, meaningful ways to move into closeness. Amen.**

Children's Moment

8:45 Rosemary Balgavy

11:00 Linda Reichard

Blessings

Gathering of Prayers

Sung Prayer **Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Special Music

"Give Me Jesus"

Choir

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 10:19

You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Matthew 10:40-41 Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

Matthew 25:35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me....

Matthew 25:45 Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.

Romans 12:9-13 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Prayer of Confession

O Most Understanding God, Lent is a good time to look carefully at our patterns of life and faith in your presence.

**Where we have followed the path of deception, change our direction.**

You will change our direction.

**Where we have not taken the feelings of others into account, give us sensitivity.** You will give us sensitivity.

**Where we have hung back from working for the common good, bring us back into fellowship.** You will engage us in faith community.

**Where we have ignored the practice of prayer and forsaken the Word, faithfully renew us.** You will renew us.

**Where we have missed opportunities to stand with the powerless, give us courage.** You will give us courage.

*Silent reflection....*

Words of Assurance

Service of Holy Communion

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.**

God of the Covenant, you saved those on the ark through the flood and gave them your sign of Covenant, the rainbow. Through repentance and baptismal waters we too have been saved, and made signs of your New Covenant in Jesus Christ. **R**

After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, your Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. Like Jesus, we too are tempted. Yet he showed us how to resist evil. **R**

Coming out of the wilderness, Jesus began proclaiming your good news, saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." **R**

On his final evening with his disciples, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper Jesus did the same with the cup, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." In remembrance of these your mighty acts on our behalf, we bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith saying:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Bring your reign near to us in this meal, Almighty One. Draw us together that we may be signs of your covenant in the world; in the Holy Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Spirit. **R**

You may place your gifts, tithes and offerings in the plate, held by the ushers, as you come for communion. The love offering, collected in the baskets at the sides, will be used by the pastor for the emergency needs of those in our community. Thank you for helping our neighbors. You are welcome to pray at the altar.

+Closing Hymn

"Shalom to You" (sung twice)

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+Blessing with Commissioning

+Postlude