

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 18th, 2018

1st Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

#### Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

**Welcome** *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Laura Barmore

#### Prelude

#### Silent Meditation

### WE APPROACH GOD

#### Choral Introit

#### The Call to Worship

Leader: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

**People:** *God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!*

Leader: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

**People:** *All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.*

•Hymn 361 "How Firm a Foundation"

#### •Fellowship Greeting

*(Please feel free to drop any prayer requests you may have in the basket up front while greeting one another.)*

Response as you return to your seat

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**Blest be the tie that binds**

**Our hearts in Chris-tian love:**

**The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds**

**Is like to that a-bove.**

#### Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use**

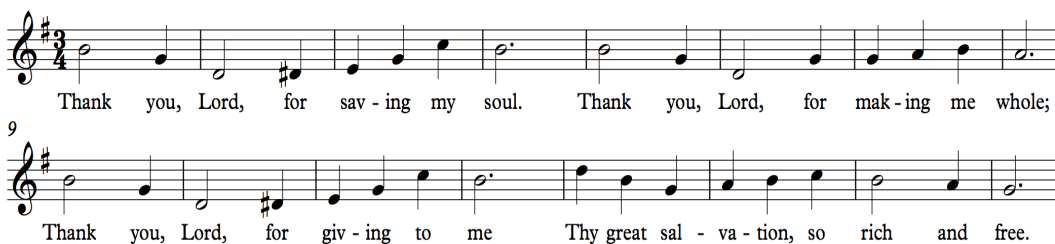
#### Prayer of Confession *(unison - continued)*

**power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. Hear us now, O God, as we each offer our silent prayer of confession.**

#### Silent Prayer of Confession

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood on-to dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God for this good news!



Thank you, Lord, for sav-ing my soul. Thank you, Lord, for mak-ing me whole;  
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Thank you, Lord, for giv-ing to me Thy great sal - va - tion, so rich and free.

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin

**Anthem** "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Adult Choir

*Text: Frances R. Havergal 1836-1879*

*Music: Phillip P. Bliss 1838-1876*

#### Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 *(page 7)*

*(New Revised Standard Version)*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of

all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

#### New Testament Reading: Mark 1:9-15 *(page 32)*

*(New Revised Standard Version)*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### Children's Sermon

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

*Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world  
Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;  
Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.*

*(Children may go to downstairs to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon)*

#### •Hymn 384

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Sermon "New Beginnings"

Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

#### •Statement of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed (Traditional - page 14)*

#### •Gloria Patri (#579)

#### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

#### Call to Mission and Ministry

#### Reception of Tithes and Offerings Offertory

#### •Doxology (#592)

#### •The Prayer of Dedication

## •Hymn 307

*“Fight the Good Fight”*

## •Charge and Benediction

## •Congregational Response

*“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” #540 (verse 1)*

*God be with you till we meet a-gain;  
 Lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you.  
 With a Shep-herd’s care en-fold you:  
 God be with you till we meet a-gain*

## Postlude

=====music notes=====

*Frances Ridley Havergal, writer of today’s anthem text, was born in Worchester England, the daughter of an Anglican minister. Her scholastic achievements included several modern languages together with Greek and Hebrew. She does not occupy, and did not claim for herself a prominent place as a poet, but by her distinct individuality she carved out a niche which she alone could fill. Simply and sweetly she sang the love of God through her hymns. Her religious views and theological bias are distinctly set forth in her poems, and may be described as mildly Calvinistic, without the severe dogmatic tenet of reprobation. Today’s anthem has been published in 464 hymnals of various denominations. It simply states the things Christ gave up for us and asks us what we have done for Him.*

**Serving During The Worship Service Today**

<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	Wade & Phyllis Cash	
<b><u>Lay Leader</u></b>	Laura Barmore	
<b><u>Offering</u></b>	Tammy Barbour Ellen Fitzgerald	Wade Cash Joe F. Williams
<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	Barbara Gough, Judy Olson	

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Afternoon Circle - Barbara Gough & Jackie Law  
 Evening Circle - Irene Elliott & Louise Hoy

**MEN OF THE CHURCH**

Mac Williams, President

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*Please pray for our missionaries:*

Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller and the people of Ethiopia

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**Mission Statement**

*We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.*