



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 7th, 2021 11:00 am 3rd Sunday in Lent

## GATHERING

PRELUDE & CHIMES.....“Amazing Grace”

by Lani Smith

JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Schooley, Worship Leader

## WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Schooley

Leader: God chooses what is weak to shame the strong. God calls us to the way of love, not power.

People: God is our rock and our fortress. Injustice and cruelty will not prevail.

Leader: Let your mouths be filled with praise to God. Rejoice that God invites your service.

People: God offers tranquility to the troubled. He also afflicts the comfortable. We rejoice to talk of God's saving grace, and we are happy to enlist as servants of Christ.

☞ *please stand - in body or in spirit* ☞

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we would only confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from the wrongs we have caused. Let us confess our sin together, trusting God's promised mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. There is a brokenness in us that reflects the brokenness of our world — and it is deep and broad. Yet in your mercy and healing grace, you can restore us and empower us to walk in the way of Christ. In your mercy and healing grace, you can reform our paths toward love and justice for our neighbors and for the earth. In your mercy and healing grace, you can make your peace — your shalom — a reality in our communities and lives. Amen.

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MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

David Schooley

God’s mercy and healing grace are sure for each and for all. Friends hear the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored. We are set on right paths of love, justice, and peace. Amen.

☸ *please be seated* ☸

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Wilson

SCRIPTURE READING .....New Testament: John 2:13-22  
.....Matthew 10:34-42

SERMON .....“The Disturbing Peace”

Mark Wilson

TIME OF REFLECTION ..... “He Is Our Peace”

arranged by Carol Tornquist

JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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STATEMENT OF FAITH - APOSTLES’ CREED (unison)

David Schooley

☸ *please be seated* ☸

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mark Wilson

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

SENDING

☸ *please stand - in body or in spirit* ☸

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Mark Wilson

POSTLUDE .....“The Solid Rock”

arranged by Tim Doran

JoAnn Pendley, Pianist & Organist

