



*Growing Together in the Way of Jesus*

**“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.”**

**— Abraham Lincoln**

# ***SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY***

**February 7, 2021**

## **PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Caruth Family

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Sherman

PRELUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual

INTROIT

For the Beauty of the Earth  
*Sarah Sherman, soloist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Pruchnicki

***Please note that today's hymns are included at the end of the bulletin.***

HYMN OF PRAISE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

#837

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Rev. Strednak Singer

Almighty and All-Vulnerable God,

As we walk this pilgrim way

We give You thanks for the way Your love takes shape among us:

In the people who respond when we pick up the phone

And say, "I can't handle this!"

In the inner strength we find when we are driven to our knees in prayer,

In the many opportunities we have to be part of embodying

Compassion and justice.

We acknowledge before You and ourselves today

That we do not always walk humbly with You.

We think less of ourselves rather than thinking of ourselves less.

We fail to follow where You lead, especially when that path challenges us.

We too often avoid the work of love and compassion that is set before us

In the need of a neighbor or the hard conversation.

But Your everlasting arms are still there,

Beckoning us to trust and rely upon You and to walk in Your Way.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the sound of love poured out.  
(*The baptismal font is filled. As Christians, we are united in community through the waters of Baptism. Water is poured as a reminder that God claims, forgives, and renews us to live out God's love as a community of faith.*)

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

**People:** ***And our mouths will declare Your praise.***

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People:** ***The Lord's name be praised.***

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

## THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria

F. Schubert

Kent Stansberry, *bass clarinet*

DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;***

***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & ILLUMINATION

Liz Pruchnicki

SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:1-17

SERMON

"Worthiness, Humility, and New Life"

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

## SEALING OF THE WORD IN COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Strednak Singer & Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

***You are invited to share bread and juice or wine in your home. Together we remember that God's table knows no boundaries and that we are connected through this meal to one another and to saints across time and space.***

COMMUNION MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Strednak Singer

HYMN OF SENDING

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

#440

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro

D. Zipoli