

Order of Worship for Sunday Morning

11:00 a.m. -- March 6, 2011

Pastor: Rev. Dave Templin -- Worship Assistant: Nancy Collins

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praise and Preparation

INTROIT

“O Magnify the Lord”

arr. by J. Daniel Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: May God unbind our hearts.

People: May the love of Jesus Christ set our lives free.

ALL: And may the Spirit pour down upon us!

*HYMN #220 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Confession and Pardon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God is our salvation, his name is glorious. Through him we are forgiven. Through him we are delivered. Let us humbly confess our sins and find new hope...

ALL: Holy God, we worry so much about earning points with you, when it is your grace that sets us free. We glide so gracefully along temptation, yet trip when we try to follow Jesus. The false promises of the world tantalize us, yet we cannot remember your words of blessing. Forgive us, O God, when we make the wrong choices. Write your words of grace and hope on our hearts, that we might open them to follow where Jesus leads, to love as he loves, and to humbly serve in his way....

(Silence is kept for personal confession . . .)

Singing... “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (Blue Hymnal #347 – vs. 1, 2)

*“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
How can Your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?*

DECLARATION OF GOD’S LOVING FORGIVENESS

Leader: It is not by anything we do, or by some great human endeavor on our part, that God forgives us. We are forgiven and set free from our sin because of the gracious love of God poured out in Christ’s blood on the cross. All thanks be to God!

***People: singing...** “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (Blue Hymnal #347 – vs. 4)
*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.*

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: With a handshake or a hug, let us greet one another with words and signs of Christ’s peace.

(Congregation shares the Peace of Christ with one another.)

***Singing in response:** “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought Since Jesus came into my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, Since Jesus came into my heart!

Since Jesus came into my heart, Since Jesus came into my heart, Floods of joy o’er my soul like the sea billows roll, Since Jesus came into my heart.

Witness of the Word

GOD’S WORD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 60:1-5a (*Old Testament, p.690*)

CHORAL ANTHEM “Be Known To Us In Breaking Bread” *by Jay Althouse*

GOD’S WORD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 9:1-19 (*New Testament, p. 127*)

MESSAGE FROM GOD’S WORD “The Paul Problem”

*RESPONSE HYMN #510 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” (*verses 1, 2, and 3*)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(see bulletin insert)*

THE INSTITUTION

SHARING THE GIFT

The Bread – please eat the bread as you receive it, showing Christ’s death for you

The Cup – please hold the cup that we may all drink it at one time, showing the unity of all Christians in their risen Lord.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(see bulletin insert)*

Response to God’s Word

OFFERING OURSELVES IN SERVICE TO GOD

Offertory

“Light of Mine”

*by Pepper Choplin
with Soloist Amber Bakke*

***Offering Presentation** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” - Hymnal #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Loving God, your mercy, compassion, and peace are extended to the whole world in Jesus. We have been charged with the work of letting the world know this truth. We bring your tithes and our offerings as pledge of our lives in response to your call to spread the gospel and lift up the name of Christ everywhere on the earth, to your glory and praise. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #379** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (“I Come with Joy” - Hymn #507, vs. 1, 5)

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free. In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me. His life laid down for me.

Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways. And as His people in the world, we’ll live and speak His praise. We’ll live and speak His praise.

POSTLUDE

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*Please stand as you are able

