Sunday, March 18, 2012 8:00am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ

who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” - arr. Virginia Halberg*

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eyes at times can see*

*The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.*

*And from my smitten heart, with tears, these wonders I confess:*

*The wonder of His glorious love, and my unworthiness.*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 32*

 Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,

 whose sin is covered.

 ***People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no inequity,***

 ***and in whose spirit there is no deceit.***

\*HYMN *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* *No. 288*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

 **Loving Lord, we find that our lives are filled with moments of grace and fulfillment. You give us opportunities to see Your presence, and at times we celebrate Your love and your provision. Often we overlook the blessings and are only able to focus on the problems and the suffering. We question and doubt Your presence and take a stand contrary to Your faithfulness. Bless us again so that we would never forget who You are and forgive us for not trusting You. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE
 *[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

ANTHEM *“Deep, Deep Love”* Words: Herb Frombach

 Music: Lee Dengler

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING *Job 1:20-22 (OT p453)*

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 27:27-32 (NT p32)*
 Leader: The word of the Lord. ***/ People: Thanks be to God.***

SERMON **Walking in His Footsteps** Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

 *“Was This Really Necessary?”*

\*HYMN *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* *No. 298*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“What Wondrous Love Is This*?” - arr. Bill Wolaver

 \*DOXOLOGY

 *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.*

\*HYMN *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* *No. 276*

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

\*POSTLUDE *“What Wondrous Love Is This?”* - arr. Joel Raney

**NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE**

First reading: Genesis 2:4b-9

Second reading: Luke 23:39-43

Sermon: *Heaven is a Place on Earth*

***“Come As You Are”***

10:45am

\*Praise & Worship

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

 Job 1:20-22

 Matthew 27:27-32

Sermon *“Was This Really Necessary?”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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