Sunday, March 25, 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 *“What Wondrous Love Is This / The Love of God” arr. Virginia Halberg*

. . . What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul . . .

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. . . The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win.

His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin . . .

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 33*

 Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

 Praise befits the upright.

 ***People: Praise the Lord with the lyre;***

 ***Make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings.***

 Leader: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings,

 with loud shouts.

 ***People: For the word of the Lord is upright,***

 ***and all His work is done in faithfulness.***

\*HYMN *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* *No. 263*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

 **Lord God, You are long-suffering. We come before You today anticipating Your presence as we worship You. We have told people publicly that we are Your disciples, and we want to live lives that reflect that devotion. We really are trying to love You unconditionally. But all of our efforts cannot match our sin or Your love. We fall more than we are able to stand. We forget Your presence even as we profess our devotion to You. Remind us again of Your everlasting and constant presence. Forgive us again for our shortcomings that separate us from 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 *“Upon a Sinner’s Cross”* - Lee Dengler Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 2:4b-9 (OT p2)*

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 23:39-43 (NT p89)*

Leader: The word of the Lord. ***/ People: Thanks be to God.***

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

 *“Jesus, Remember Me”*

\*HYMN *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”* *No. 280*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*  arr. Pepper Choplin

 \*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 *“Jesus, Remember Me”* *No. 599*

\*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 *“Jesus Loves Me”* arr. Matt Limbaugh

**NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE**

First reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second reading: Luke 19:29-40

Sermon: *If Stones Could Speak*

***“Come As You Are”***

10:45am

\*Praise & Worship

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

 Genesis 2:4b-9

 Luke 23:39-43

Sermon *“Heaven is a Place on Earth”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes: