Sunday, March 10, 2013 8:30am

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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 *“Improvisation on ‘Resignation’”*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 60*

Leader: Give victory with your right hand, and answer us,

so that those whom you love may be rescued.

**People: With God we shall do valiantly;**

**It is He who will tread down our foes.**

\*HYMN *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”* *No. 172*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, You know the very secret of our hearts. You love us even as we make decisions that turn us away from You. We praise You for Your loyalty to us, even as we prove our disloyalty. You publicly give us signs that reinforce the way in which You work miracles in our lives. You encourage us to live lives of testimony to Your grace. But we choose to exalt ourselves and prefer the favor of people over Your approval. Forgive us this Lenten season as we look to be disciplined so that our relationship with You becomes living. Through Christ our Savior, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

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

\*HYMN *“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”* *No. 466*

(Children may come up front at this time for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Esther 4:10-17 (OT p446)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 6:16-18 (NT p6)*

SERMON *“Fasting”*  Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“Be Thou My Vision”* *No. 339*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* - arr. Johnson Chancel Choir

\*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.*

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“Here I Am, Lord”* *No. 525*

\*BENEDICTION & LENTEN RESPONSE

**Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**

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\*POSTLUDE *“Prelude in A Minor”* - J. Brahms

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

\*Praise & Worship

*Love the Lord*

*Enough*

*Rescue*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

*Esther 4:10-17; Matthew 6:16-18*

Sermon *“Fasting”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

*Our God*

\*Benediction

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

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