Sunday, March 3, 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 *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”* - A. L. Page

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 59*

Leader: But I will sing of Your might; I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning. For You have been a fortress to me and a refuge in the day of my distress.

**People: O my strength, I will sing praises to You, for You, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.**

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Father, You hear our prayers. Lover of our soul Your desire is to walk alongside us through all of our experiences. Jesus, Your life and death and resurrection has given us the chance to dwell with you now and forever. Holy Spirit, if we would be open to you, you would fill us with the impossible. But we walk away from you, we choose to live for that which is immediate, we seek the tangible and are drawn away from your side. Forgive us, and fill our hearts again with your presence. 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 *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* *No. 387*

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Jean Pontz

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Jonah 3:6-10 (OT p861)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 11:5-13 (NT p72)*

SERMON *“Why Pray?”*  Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”* *see insert*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“O Great God”* - B. Kauflin Soloist: Joy Meade

\*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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*\*[Worshipers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together*

*as Christ’s one people. Please drink as you are ready,*

*in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]*

\*ALLELUIA

\*BENEDICTION & LENTEN RESPONSE

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

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

\*POSTLUDE *“Toccata in F (excerpt)”* - D. Buxtehude

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

\*Praise & Worship

*Today Is The Day*

*Open Up the Sky*

*How He Loves*

*The More I Seek You*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

*Jonah 3:6-10; Luke 11:5-13*

Sermon *“Why Pray”*

Offertory

Communion

\*Closing Song

*How Great Thou Art / How Great is Our God*

\*Benediction

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

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