
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 *"Jesu, Meine Freude" – J.S. Bach*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL
(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 98*

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. His right hand and His holy arm have gotten Him victory.

People: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

*HYMN *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* No. 403

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Protective and liberating Lord, You have encircled us with Your love and Your security. Daily we experience Your presence which guides us through the dangers of this life. We praise You for never abandoning us even as we go through suffering and times of trial. Forgive us for not trusting that even in hardship there is redemption. Forgive us for trying to avoid tests of this life by compromising our integrity and Your desire. Hold us close to You. Through Jesus 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.]

*HYMN *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I!**

(Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children's Message)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Terri Reiner*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 22:9-14 (OT p18)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *James 1:1-4 (NT p228)*

SERMON *"With Friends Like These . . . "* Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN *"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"* No. 282

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

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"God So Loved the World" – Stainer* 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 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* No. 488

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

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

*POSTLUDE: As a sign of our observance of Lent, no postludes will be played until Easter Sunday.

NEXT WEEK
Exodus 17:1-7
James 1:5-8
"Is Doubting Sin?"

“Come As You Are”

11:00am

*Praise & Worship

I Will Follow

God of Wonders

When I Speak Your Name

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 22:9-14; James 1:1-4

Sermon

“With Friends Like These . . . ”

*Closing Song

Mighty To Save

*Benediction

Sermon Notes
