SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Prelude & Welcome

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: ...for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1)

Galileans - What a Friend We Have In Jesus | director: Barb Hazelton

Pastor: Most merciful God,

Congregation: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of you Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Pastor: My friends, receive good news - God turns to you in love.
"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. (Ezekiel 37.14)
All your sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus, the lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Congregation: Amen

Gathering Song - In the Cross of Christ I Glory (ELW #324)

### **Apostolic Greeting**

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Kyrie - O Christ, Our Hope (ELW #604; vs 1, 4)

#### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you,

Pastor: Let us pray...

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen** 

### Children's Message

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-9

Gospel Acclamation - Ancient Words (MW Smith)

Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

Message - Pastor Jeff Frohner

Hymn of the Day - There's a Wideness In God's Mercy (ELW #588; tune #712)

Baptism - Athena Smith and Adonis Smith

Apostles' Creed | Prayers of the People

Pastor: Lord in your mercy... Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace | Thanksgiving for Offerings

Holy Communion | Words of Institution | Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

### **Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you now and for life everlasting.

**Congregation: Amen** 

**Communion Canticle -** Change My Heart, O God (ELW #801)

Announcements | Benediction

Sending Song - Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW #618)

**Postlude** 

### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY!

Worship Team: Pastor Jeff Frohner, Pastor Nate Montover Cantor: Laura Lovseth | Organ: Nick Bushkofsky **Greeters:** Danielle & Craig Horak | **Ushers:** Joan Dutton, Carol Patterson Tech Team: Cari & Ramon Redondo | Nursery: Amanda Schultz Café Hosts: Mary Jo & Roger Carlson | Donut Runners: Brynn & Brett Merck **Counters:** Linda Sundermeyer, Evelyn Beck, Roger Carlson

# WORSHIP GUIDE

### Gathering Song "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

# *Kyrie*"O CHRIST, OUR HOPE"

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire creation's mighty Lord, redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured, by holy love outpoured:

Oh, let your mighty love prevail to purge us of our pride, that we may stand before your throne by mercy purified, by mercy purified.

# Gospel Acclamation "ANCIENT WORDS"

Ancient words ever true Changing me, and changing you. We have come with open hearts Oh let the ancient words impart.



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## Hymn of the Day "THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY"

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.

There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all: greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.

Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

# Communion Canticle "CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD"

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

# Sending Song "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.