

**Prelude (Handbells) "Celtic Grace"**

Kathy Schneider, Director

**Welcome**

Pastor Clarissa

**Centering Music "Author of Life Divine"**

Deanna Gibeau, Organist

**\*Call To Worship**

Alana Dalton, Liturgist

L: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**P: Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.**

L: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

**P: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.**

L: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

**P: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.**

P: Lent calls us to journey with God.

**All: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

L: Oh, God of love, power and faithfulness, we journey with your son, ever closer to Jerusalem, to his cross his true destiny. We hear his words, "Take up your cross and follow me," but we aren't sure if it's the crosses of this life, or the actual cross of death. We hear his words, "deny yourself," and wonder which self it is; the self we put on for others, or the self-centered self that wants it all for ourselves? Whichever it is, it seems like Jesus sure is asking a lot of us and we aren't sure we can do this. God we will need your holy spirit to be able to do this. God we will need your grace and mercy to be able to do this. We remember that you empowered your disciples, the early Christians, and others who decided to follow you, we believe that you will do likewise for us. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along this Lenten journey?

**All: In every wilderness, on every road; in every moment, in every life; in every journey, in every heart, we receive the daily bread we need— God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen**

**\*Hymn. "Where He Leads Me"**

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**\*Prayer for Illumination****\*Gospel Reading ~ Mark 8:31-38 (*Unison*) (on screen)**

L: The Word of God for the people of God,  
**P: thanks be to God.**

**Chancel Choir "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"**

Dave Bertelsen, Director

**Sermon**

Pastor Clarissa

**"Lent – Dying to self in order to live"****Litany of Penitence (on back of bulletin)****Responding to God's Word****Prayer of the People**

Pastor Clarissa

P: Lord in your mercy;      **All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: ...we offer the prayer Jesus has taught us...

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Offering/Doxology (words on screen)**

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**\*Offertory Prayer (words on screen)****\*Closing Hymn****"The Summons"**

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**\*Sending Forth****\*Benediction****\*Postlude**

**"Open Now Thy Gates"**  
Arr. Roger C. Wilson

*\*Stand as you are able.*

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