

# Sunday Service for February 18, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Take Time to Be Holy” -arr. L. Smith

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #263 (*Sung by all*)

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,**

**I see glory on each face;**

**surely the presence of God is in this place.**

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: The bags are packed and set for the journey. Are you ready?

**All: Not really. We have so much still to do.**

One: The Lord calls to us now. The Peace of God is at hand.

**All: What will be required of us for this journey?**

One: Open your hearts and spirits. Take the risk of discipleship.

**All: Lord, help us to be ready. Calm our fears as we step forward  
in faith. Amen.**

• GATHERING HYMN #97 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

• GATHERING PRAYER (*In unison*)

**God of guidance and deliverance, the season of Lent is here again and, like so many times before, we find we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we examine our lives, help us remember Christ is with us every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this faith-based journey to new life with you.**

• SILENT PRAYER

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35(*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**

**And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

- CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #114 “Thou Art Worthy” (*Sung by all*)

## CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)

(*Children, age 3 through 6th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School downstairs.*)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.**

(*Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.*)

## SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 25:1-10** (page 502)

Genesis 9:8-17 (page 7)

Second Reading: **Mark 1:9-15** (page 34)

I Peter 3:18-22 (page 234)

## SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “Lonesome Valley” -arr. P. Christiansen

(*Ken Gleesing, soloist*)

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” -arr. M. Breutzmann

- OFFERTORY RESPONSE #382 “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (*Verse 1*) (*Sung by all*)

**We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

**Thank you, God, for the signs and wonders that reveal your presence. Thank you for calling us together into relationship with you through Jesus Christ. We want to do our part to share your love with the world. We pray you will use these offerings and our lives to extend your love and light to all. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #446 “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Chaconne” -G. Young

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.*