

# Sunday Service for February 25, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Celebration” -C. Dobrinski (*Hand Bell Choir*)

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #305 (*Sung by all*)

“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your spirit in the place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace!**

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Where Christ goes, we will follow.

**All: Where Christ pauses, we will stop.**

One: Where Christ cries, we will listen.

**All: Where Christ suffers, we will hurt.**

One: Where Christ dies, we will bow our heads in sorrow.

**All: Where Christ rises again in glory, we will share his endless joy.**

One: There is no other way.

**All: Christ is our clear way.**

• GATHERING HYMN #610 “Living for Jesus”

• AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*In unison*)

(*Adapted from our Partner Denomination, Christian Church, Disciples of Christ*)

**We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim Him Lord and Savior of the world. In Christ’s name and by His grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people. We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another. Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God. At the table of the Lord we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ. Within the universal church we receive the gift of ministry and the light of scripture. In the bonds of Christian faith, we yield ourselves to God that we may serve the One whose kingdom has no end. Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever. Amen.**

• SILENT REFLECTION

• 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 (“satta”)

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Sung by all*)  
**Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.  
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.**

**We have one God, one Holy Lord.  
We have one faith, only one Love.  
Just one baptism, one holy Spirit,  
one Comforter sent from God above.**  
(Repeat as needed)

HAND BELL ANTHEM “In the Garden” -arr. K. McChesney

CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)  
(*Children, age 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us downstairs for Sunday School.*)  
**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:	<b>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16</b>	(page 13)
	Psalm 22: 23-31	(page 501)
Second Reading:	<b>Mark 8:31-38</b>	(page 44)
	Romans 4:13-25	(page 155)

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”-arr. T. Keesecker

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 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" -arr. D. Cherwien

• 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*)

**Glorious God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our faith. You alone know the extent of our trust and the depth of our commitment. May this act of giving draw us closer to you and extend a blessing to all who are helped through our sharing. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #628 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• CHORAL BENEDICTION "In Your Loving Care" -D. Catherwood

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE "The God of Abraham Praise" -arr. 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.*

***The flowers today are in honor the First Wedding Anniversary of  
Bill Eckert and Jerry Gratz.***