

# Communion Service for February 4, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Praise to the Lord” -arr. E. Broughton

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #283 “Jesus, Stand Among Us” (*Sung by all*)

**Jesus, stand among us in your risen pow’r.**

**Let this time of worship be a holy hour.**

**Breathe the Holy Spirit into ev’ry heart.**

**Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.**

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Come with me into the very presence of God.

**All: Mysterious, invisible, hidden from our eyes, God stretches our imaginations to their limits.**

One: Yet God can be known. This same God came to us in Jesus, and was seen, touched, and heard.

**All: This same God is revealed in Scripture: speaking, creating, restoring, giving life to all.**

One: God’s justice towers like mountains over human conduct; God’s goodness and love pour down on us like rain from the clouds.

**All: To this great and wise God, all praise we bring.**

• GATHERING HYMN #277 “Christians, We Have Met to Worship”

• CALL TO CONFESSION

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

**Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we cling to our fears.**

**You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.**

**You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cling to our hurts.**

**Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake us, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you the whole of our lives; we ask you to help us live the way of your justice and love. In the Name of Jesus, who sent us your Spirit, Amen.**

• SILENT CONFESSION

• ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

• 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 #317 “Amen”

CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)  
(*Children ages 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us downstairs in Kurth Hall 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>Isaiah 40:21-31</b>	(page 668)
	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	(page 582)
Second Reading:	<b>Mark 1:29-39</b>	(page 35)
	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	(page 172)

SERMON      Rev. Dale Stohre

CHORAL ANTHEM “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” -arr. S. Curry

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 “There Is a Balm in Gilead” -arr. R. Billingham

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

**God: we present these offerings to you, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied gifts in the days ahead, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of our world.  
In the name of Jesus, your Gift to us, Amen.**

## THE LORD’S SUPPER

*(At Emanuel we practice an open communion table. We invite all who are seeking Christ’s strength to share in this sacred meal. You will be invited forward, take a piece of bread and dip it in the juice (white) or wine (red), or you may take a cup of juice if you prefer. Gluten Free wafers are available if you prefer. If you need to be served at your seat, please remain seated.)*

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks and praise.

**All: It is right and good to give God thanks and praise.**

The Prayer of Preparation

The Passing of the Peace

One: “...Thanks be to God, who makes us one! The peace of Christ be with you all.”

**All: And also with you.**

Words of Institution

Hymn of Thanksgiving #414: (*Sung by all*)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Sharing the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

**Mighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by your grace that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love, and that your church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

- SENDING HYMN #431 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”
- COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION
- MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Praise Everlasting” -D. Paxton

**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.*

*A special thanks to Rev. Dale Stohre for leading us in worship this morning.*