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9:45 AM

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**Second Sunday of Lent**

***Everything [in] Between<sup>1</sup>***  
***Faith & Works***  
***Sacrament of Holy Communion***

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*At Mt. Zion all are welcome to share in Christ's meal. Today, Communion will be distributed by our Welcome Team members and passed down the pews for distribution —first bread, then the cup which is filled with grape juice. Gluten Free wafers are available as desired. We invite you to hold your bread and cup until the community is invited to eat together by the Pastor. Please dispose of your cup after worship.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**INTRODUCTION TO THEME**

**PRELUDE**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

by Lemmel

**POEM**

Gray

written & read by Cindy Hogentogler

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

L: Come as you are.

**C: If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,**

L: if you know every scripture or none at all,

**C: if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,**

L: or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,

**C: come as you are.**

L: This is God's house.

**C: None are turned away.**

L: All are welcome here.

**\*GATHERING HYMN FWS # 2243** ( see below)

*We All Are One in Mission*

## We All Are One in Mission

Rusty Edwards

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Piano 

1. We all are one in mis - sion; we  
2. We all are called for ser - vice, to  
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed, and

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all are one in call, our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by  
wit - ness in God's name. Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our  
let our song be heard. Now let us be a ves - sel for

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Christ, the Lord of all. A sin - gle great com -  
pur - pose is the same: To touch the lives of  
God's re - deem - ing Word. We all are one in

11 

- mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove to plan and work to -  
oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace, so ev - ery folk and  
mis - sion; we all are one in call, our var - ied gifts u -

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geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of Grace,

**C: We long to do the “right” thing. We long to make the “right” choice. We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.**

**In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the way. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Faithful friends, God knows your heart. When you mean well and lose your way,

**C: God knows.**

L: When you try to do the right thing and miss the point,

**C: God knows.**

L: When you long to be close to God, and doubt your worth,

**C: God knows.**

L: You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven +. You have been sent to serve. This is the good news of the gospel! Nothing can separate you from God’s love.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE UM HYMNAL # 558** (refrain, v. 3, refrain, see below) *We Are the Church*

**ALL SING: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!**

**Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it’s bravely burning, sometimes it’s riding, sometimes hiding, always it’s learning.**

**I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 10:38-42 (CEB)*

**SERMON**

# Ministry and Presence

Words: Anna Strickland, 2024

Martin Luther

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Piano 

1. When Je - sus passed near Marth - a's home she  
2. Her sis - ter Mar - y took a seat to  
3. He said, "You are both gifts to me with

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had no hes - i - ta - tion. "Please treat my house like  
spend time with the tea - ch - er. In - ten - tly list' - ning  
dif - ferent ways of be - ing. I won't take that from

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it's your own," she gave the in - vi - ta - tion. She want - ed all the  
at his feet his words drew her in deep - er. But Mar - tha took of -  
Mar - y whose place is right here with me. You have nothing to

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best to serve her hon - ored guest. Her check - list grew and grew. Her  
- fense at Mar - y so con - tent. With all there was to do she  
prove so let your heart be moved. Just one thing do I need: To

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time was all con - sumed with min - i - stry a - boun - ding.  
need - ed Mar - y too and asked for Je - sus' back - ing.  
feel your love in deeds of min - i - stry and pre - sence."

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

*In Remembrance*

by Red & Courtney

### A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: You who are weary, why have you come?

**C: To hear good news.**

L: You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

**C: To heal our hearts.**

P: You who are captive, why have you come?

**C: To hear words of freedom.**

L: You who are prisoners of doubt and fear, why have you come?

**C: To be released from what binds us.**

P: You who mourn, why have you come?

**C: To receive comfort.**

L: Then you are welcome here in this place, at this table, where Jesus offers blessing for all.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: From the beginning, you spoke creation into being, not with rigid lines but with wondrous possibility—a world where light and darkness dance, where waters ebb and flow, where seed and soil meet to bring forth life.

When we divided ourselves—by tribe and tongue, by law and tradition—you sent prophets to call us back to your way, a way that is neither this nor that, but love.

L: In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, your Son, who walked among us in the space between worlds: breaking bread with sinners and saints, welcoming both the lost and the self-righteous, teaching us that your kingdom is found not in the extremes, but in the embrace, not in easy answers, but in grace.

## REMEMBERING THE STORY

P: In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it—and gave it to his disciples saying, take and eat—this is my body given for you—do this for the remembrance of me.

And again after supper, he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink. Saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood she for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

L: As we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

L: Holy God, you meet us in the in-between places—on roadsides and at wells, in homes filled with joy and grief, in questions that have no simple answers.

**C: Meet us here once again, in the in-between place of this meal, where the ordinary substance of field and vine meet your Word and draw us to taste everlasting life.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and on these gifts. May this meal nourish us to follow Christ—to love beyond labels, to serve beyond certainty, to find you in the in-between places where your grace meets our need. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: As Christ meets us in the mystery of His meal, we prepare our restless hearts with the words Christ taught,

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE MEAL

## SHARING CHRIST'S MEAL

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: God of messy middles,

**C: may this meal be a fresh start. May this moment, where all are fed and all are welcomed, be the start of something new.**

**Show us how to carry the love we experience here from the walls of this church into the world we encounter in the days ahead. Show us how to leave breadcrumbs of good news along our path and everywhere in between. With deep hope we pray, amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 399 UM** (see next page)

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Faith*

by Mendelssohn

### **References**

<sup>1</sup>The Worship Liturgy was by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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# Take My Life, and Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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Piano



1. Take my life, and let it be
2. Take my hands, and let them move
3. Take my voice, and let me sing
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold;
5. Take my will, and make it thine;
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour

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con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments  
at the im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet, and  
al - ways, on - ly, for my King. Take my lips, and  
not a mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -  
it shall be no lon - ger mine. Take my heart, it  
at thy feet its trea - sure store. Take my - self, and

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and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.  
let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
- lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.  
is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.