

**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**March 14, 2021**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Wondrous Love”

David N. Johnson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alfred V. Fedak

*God the Spirit, guide and guardian, windsped flame and hovering dove,  
Breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love:  
Give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;  
Send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #298

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

*(stanzas 1,2,5)*

**Lord, you give the great commission:**

**“heal the sick and preach the word.”**

**Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service:**

**“In my name baptize and teach.”**

**That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring:**

**“I am with you to the end.”**

**Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**God of Promise, we confess that we would rather take the easy way out when we struggle with the difficult questions of faith. Challenge us as your ambassadors and hold us to the covenant You have made with us, to be our God, and for us to be Your people. Guide us in our journey of faith, beyond our doubts and fears. Remind us that You are close to us always, and may we surrender our lives unto you. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

ANTHEM

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

Recorded by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That who-so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

THE INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

DEACONS: (Class of 2023)

Vickie Mills

\*Dee Rivers

\*Jeanne Stephen

Mickey Stewart

\*Jenny Carlstedt (class of 2021)

\*Eileen Nelson & \*Claudia Alwood (class of 2022)

ELDERS: (Class of 2023)

\*Eleanor Cicerchi

Steve Lang

\*Cynthia Lawrence

\*Kerry McDermott

\*Roxie Swartz

The Statement of Purpose

The Questions to the Candidates

The Questions to the Congregation

The Prayer of Ordination, Installation and Laying on of Hands

The Declaration and Charge      \* *those being ordained*

SOLO

Alfred V. Fedak

*Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, Word made flesh, Love crucified,*

*Teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride:*

*In your tending may all elders learn and live a shepherd’s care;*

*Grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.*

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WE GROW IN THE WORD

LENTEN SERIES

From Dust to Promise: Refreshing Our Hearts

Sermon #4 “Look in the Right Direction”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV)

John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

*(stanzas 1,2,3)*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to  
bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

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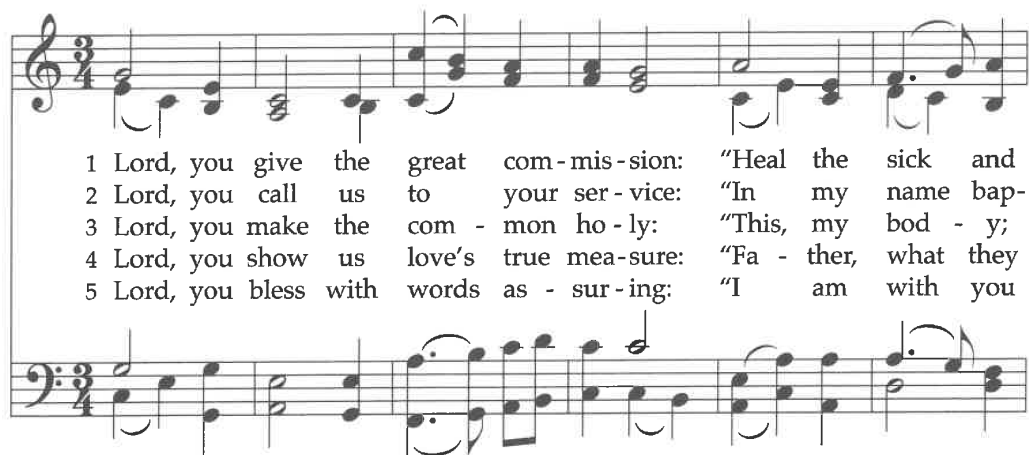
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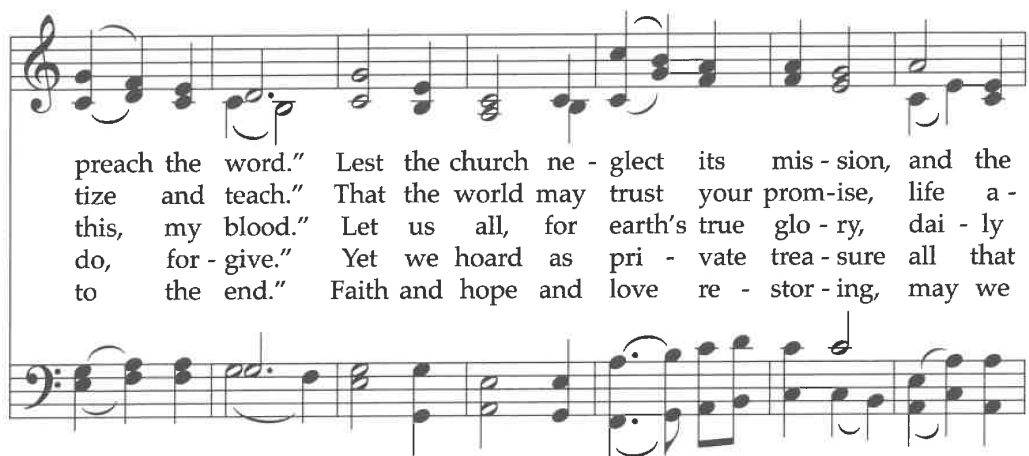
Dale Wood  
(1934-2003)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

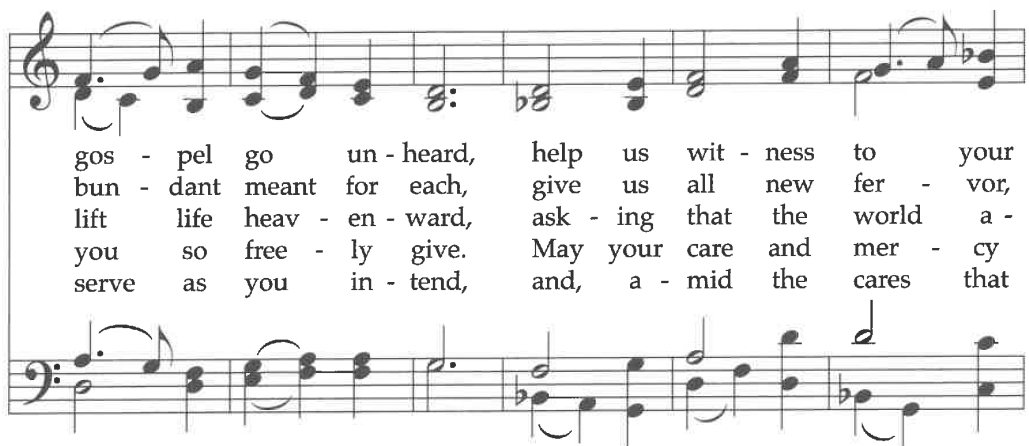
## 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-  
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



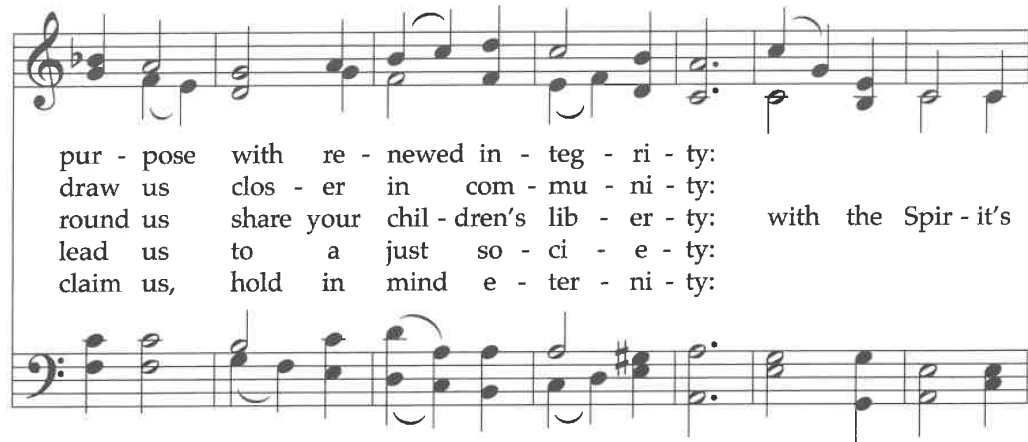
preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-  
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly  
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri- vate trea-sure all that  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



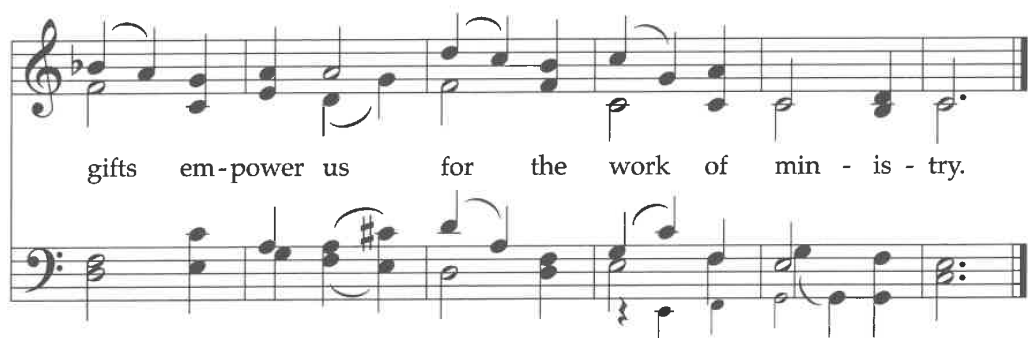
gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your  
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-vor,  
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-  
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy  
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

# THE CHURCH



pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's  
 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



gifts em-power us for the work of min - is - try.

# What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811

MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1965

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