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

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

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”

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

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)
HYMN #215  (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, 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!

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  “Sons of Sorrow”  Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and

2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name bap-

3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This, my bod-

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Fa-

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the

ize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life a-

this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily do,

for give." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we

gospel go unheard, help us witness to your

bountiful meant for each, give us all new fervor,

lift life heavenward, asking that the world a-

you so freely give. May your care and mercy serve as you intend, and, amid 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.

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MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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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

1 What wond'rous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wond'rous love is this, O my soul! What wond'rous love is this that caused the Lord of I was sink ing down beneath God's righteous

2 When I was sinking down, sink'ing down, sink'ing down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous

3 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 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing

soul, what wond'rous love is this, O my soul! What wond'rous love is this that caused the Lord of I was sink ing down beneath God's righteous

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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