

**Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022
10 am**

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Preservice Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

Siciliana
~William Walond (1719)

Andy Potts

Welcome and Community Life

**Easter Services: Maundy Thursday: 7pm in the Fellowship Hall; Good Friday;
7pm in the Sanctuary; 8:30 & 10 am Easter Sunday morning –
both services exactly alike
Eggstravaganza – April 9th – NEED VOLUNTEERS!! Please sign up today!**

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

We come to worship our God:
who created us in love, who redeemed us in love,
and who continues to sustain us in love.

**O blessed Trinity of Love,
we bring you the worship of our hearts and lives.
Reign in us, just as you reign over earth and heaven.**

Opening Hymn

Maker, in Whom We Live
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Verse 1

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move
The glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high
While earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky

Verse 2

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
Render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim
And cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Verse 3

Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore
Thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height

the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight

Verse 4

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above
Let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face
Sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise

Prayer of Confession

God of infinite love, You created the world and called it good. You created humankind in Your image and called us very good. But we have been deceived by half-truths and false promises. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned Your love, and we have failed to honor Your image in the lives of others.

In Your mercy, take away our sin. Restore our relationship with You. Renew Your image in us, so that we may live today and all days as a people of love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

All continue to pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

NSC Praise Band

Dawn Rodgers | Eric Wyse

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Verse 1

Wonderful merciful Savior; Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb; Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Verse 2

Counselor Comforter Keeper; Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts; Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way **(Chorus)**

Chorus

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace; Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Verse 3

Almighty infinite Father; Faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne; Oh we're falling before Your throne **(Chorus)**

A Message for Young Disciples

Linda Morrison

Proclamation and Response

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Psalm

Psalm 139:1-18

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.**

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts,
O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ **I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

Anthem

Who Am I

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Verse 1

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way for my ever wand'ring heart

Pre-Chorus

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

Chorus

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours

Verse 2

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love and watch me rise again
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain and calm the storm in me **(Pre-Chorus, Chorus)**

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 3:6-17

⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹ For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones,

wood, hay, straw—¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Love Is the Way: Love's Call—and Love's Calling

Pastor Ian Collier

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Crown You with Praise

Chancel Singers

Natalie Grant | arr. Dave Williamson

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Doxology

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Closing Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty

Verse 3

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love

Verse 4

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Sending Forth**Benediction****Postlude***Beecher Settings*

~Arr. Hal Hopson

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