

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

10 am

Preservice Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

*What Wondrous Love is This*

Andy Potts

~Arr. Matt Limbaugh

## Welcome and Community Life

### Easter Services

Eggstravaganza – April 9<sup>th</sup> – we need volunteers! Please sign up in the Narthex or online (check your midweek for the link)

### Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Dear friends, this is love:

Not that we loved God, but that God loved us

and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

**Praise be to God and to our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**who carries our sorrows,**

**heals our wounds,**

**and redeems us from sin and death.**

### Opening Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

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American Folk Hymn | harm. Paul J. Christiansen

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#### Verse 1

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

#### Verse 2

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 life

To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul

To lay aside his crown for my soul

#### Verse 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 AM

While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing

While millions join the theme I will sing

#### **Verse 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 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And through eternity I'll sing on

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, since the creation of the world, You have nurtured us with Your love. In Jesus Christ, You showed us the full extent of that love and the lengths to which You would go to draw us close. Yet we confess that we do not always share Your love as freely with others as You share it with us. We are selective about the people we choose as neighbors, and we are often more ready to open our hearts to those who seem safe or familiar to us.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to love as completely as You love us.**

*All continue to pray in silence.*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,  
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness.  
By His wounds we have been healed!  
This is the good news:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free.  
Thanks be to God!

#### **Response**

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stuart Townend

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#### **Verse 1**

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One; Bring many sons to glory

#### **Verse 2**

Behold the Man upon a cross; My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice; Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there; Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

#### **Verse 3**

I will not boast in anything; No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward; I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom

## A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

### Proclamation and Response

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#### New Testament Reading 1 John 4:16b-21 (CEB)

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because God first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! <sup>21</sup> This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

#### Anthem

*You Are Good*  
with *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*

Chancel Singers  
Sammi Brown, Dancer

Israel Houghton | Brenton Brown | Paul Baloche | arr. Cliff Duren

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#### Gospel Reading Mark 2:13-22 (CEB)

<sup>13</sup> Jesus went out beside the lake again. The whole crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. <sup>14</sup> As he continued along, he saw Levi, Alphaeus' son, sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Levi got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> Jesus sat down to eat at Levi's house. Many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples. Indeed, many of them had become his followers. <sup>16</sup> When some of the legal experts from among the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, "Why is he eating with sinners and tax collectors?"

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> John's disciples and the Pharisees had a habit of fasting. Some people asked Jesus, "Why do John's disciples and the Pharisees' disciples fast, but yours don't?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said, "The wedding guests can't fast while the groom is with them, can they? As long as they have the groom with them, they can't fast. <sup>20</sup> But the days will come when the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

<sup>21</sup> "No one sews a piece of new, unshrunk cloth on old clothes; otherwise, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and makes a worse tear. <sup>22</sup> No one pours new wine into old leather wineskins; otherwise, the wine would burst the wineskins and the wine would be lost and the wineskins destroyed. But new wine is for new wineskins."

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

*Love Is the Way: Who Is My Neighbor?*

Pastor Jen Eschliman

**Prayers of the People**

**Joys and Concerns**

**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**

*Into Your Kingdom*  
Joe Galyon

Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

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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.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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**Verse 1**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave  
The service is ended, O now be extended; The fruits of our worship in all who believe  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call

**Verse 2**

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us  
United us as one in this life that we share  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and the name which we bear

**Sending Forth**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
~Arr. Mark Hayes/Douglas E. Wagner

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