

Bold Text is read or sung by the congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:27-28 | Stephanie Fernandez

The Lord is God!

The Lord has shined a light on us!

So lead the festival offering with ropes all the way to the horns of the altar.

You are my God—I will give thanks to you!

You are my God—I will lift you up high!

Give thanks to the Lord because the Lord is good,

with faithful love that lasts forever.

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling | No. 418

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.**

**See, on the portals
he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

REFRAIN:

**“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O sinner, come home!”**

**Why should we tarry
when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?**

**Why should we linger
and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?**

[REFRAIN]

**O for the wonderful love
he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned,
he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.**

[REFRAIN]

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”
TEXT and MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1880
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. (A time for silent confession)

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, Have Mercy | No. 579

***Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father | No. 581

***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.***

LENTEN MOMENT

Bill & Dianna Rose

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (CEB)

SERMON

"Who Knows Best?" | Rev. Cindy Carlisle

*HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me | No. 726

**"Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and
never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and
you in me?"
"Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?"
"Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?"**

**Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"
"Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch
and sound in you and you in me?"
Lord, your summons echoes true when
you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love
and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

TEXT: John L. Bell & Graham Maule, 1987 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Confession of 1967* | 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sweet Little Jesus Boy | Brittney Williams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Glory To God | p. 35

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.

*SENDING HYMN

**Hope of the world,
thou Christ of great compassion:
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes
and aims are spent.**

**Hope of the world,
God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth's wounds
and end our bitter strife.**

**Hope of the world,
afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light:
Walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from thee
to endless night.**

*BLESSING

Hope of the World | No. 734

**Hope of the world,
who by thy cross didst save us
from death and deep despair, from sin and guilt:
We render back the love thy mercy gave us;
take thou our lives
and use them as thou wilt.**

**Hope of the world, O Christ,
o'er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:
We would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
thou art our Lord!
Thou dost forever reign!**

"Hope of the World"

TEXT: Georgia Harkness, 1954 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching — Rev. Cindy Carlisle
Choir Director—Brittney Williams
Technology — Bob Jones & Jim Collins

Liturgist— Stephanie Fernandez
Pianist—Patricia Provencio

FEB 27 - MAR 5

Events & Celebrations

TUE 28	WED 1	THU 2	SUN 5
Slices of Life, 7:00PM	Zoom Bible Study, 12:00PM Deacons, 6:00PM Vision, 7:15PM	Hand Bells, 5:30PM Quilter's Board, 6:00PM LENTEN SUPPER: Gather, 5:00PM Supper, 6:00PM	Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Hour, 11:15AM FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP: Easter Planning Crew NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

Eric Regis	Frances Blankinship	Pat Bryant
Bob Hedicke	Mildred Helm	Doug Conway
Jack Sturgis	Michelle Bushey	Bonnie Pyke

*Need to add or remove someone from the Prayers/Concerns list?
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