

## Call to Worship

From Psalm 96

**Minister:** *Let the whole earth sing to the Lord! Honor and majesty surround Him; strength and beauty fill His sanctuary.*

## Invocation

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### ✠Hymn of Worship

*Crown Him with Man Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns, / The Lamb upon His throne. / Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns / All music but its own. / Awake, my soul, and sing / Of Him who died for thee, / And hail Him as thy matchless King / Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, / Who triumphed o'er the grave, / And rose victorious in the strife / For those He came to save; / His glories now we sing / Who died and rose on high, / Who died eternal life to bring, / And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love; / Behold His hands and side, / Rich wounds, yet visible above, / In beauty glorified; / No angels in the sky / Can fully bear that sight, / But downward bends their burning eye / At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of years, / The potentate of time, / Creator of the rolling spheres, / Ineffably sublime. / All hail, Redeemer, hail! / For Thou hast died for me; / Thy praise shall never, never fail / Throughout eternity.

### ✠Lenten Reading

Isaiah 53:6; Psalm 124:8

*All of us, like sheep, have gone astray; We have left God's path to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all.*

**Leader:** *In whom do we look for help?*

**People:** Our help is from the Lord, creator of heaven and earth.

## Hymn of Praise

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

My song is love unknown, / My Savior's love to me; / Love to the loveless shown, / That they might lovely be. / O who am I, that for my sake / My Lord should take / Frail flesh, and die?

He came from His blest throne / Salvation to bestow; / But men made strange, and none / The longedfor Christ would know: / But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed, / Who at my need / His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way, / And His sweet praises sing; / Resounding all the day / Hosannas to their King / Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, / And for His death / They thirst and cry.

They rise and needs will have / My dear Lord made away; / A murderer they save, / The Prince of life they slay. / Yet cheerful He to suffering goes, / That He His foes / From thence might free.

✠Those who are able, please stand.

Here might I stay and sing, / No story so divine; / Never was love, dear King, / Never was grief like Thine. / This is my Friend, / In whose sweet praise / I all my days could gladly spend.

## Confession of Faith

Q. 311 *The Geneva Catechism*, John Calvin

**Leader:** *Is there such great power in the outward sign of the sacraments to confirm our consciences and give us confidence of salvation?*

**People:** Not by itself does it have that power; its effectiveness comes from God's will, since He established it for that purpose.

## Pastoral Prayer

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### ✠Hymn of Preparation

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, / There is no shadow of turning with Thee; / Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; / As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! / Great is Thy faithfulness! / Morning by morning new mercies I see; / All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—/ Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, / Sun, moon and stars in their courses above / Join with all nature in manifold witness / To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, / Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; / Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, / Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### ✠Scripture Reading

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Dr. Renton Rathbun

*Anti-Sacrifice*

Ephesians 5:3-5

### ✠Hymn of Response

*Doxology*

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.

### ✠Hymn of Benediction

*Psalm 62*

My soul finds rest in God alone, / My rock and my salvation. / A fortress strong against my foes / And I will not be shaken. / Though lips may bless and hearts may curse / And lies like arrows pierce me; / I'll fix my heart on righteousness, / I'll look to Him who hears me.

*O praise Him, Hallelujah, / My Delight and my Reward; / Everlasting, never failing, / My Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, / Amid the world's temptations. / When evil seeks to take a hold / I'll cling to my salvation, / Though riches come and riches go, / Don't set your heart upon them. / The fields of hope in which I sow / Are harvested in heaven.

I'll set my gaze on God alone / And trust in Him completely. / With every day pour out my soul / And He will prove His mercy; / Though life is but a fleeting breath, / A sigh too brief to measure. / My King has crushed the curse of death, / And I am His forever.

✠ **Benediction**



## 4th Sunday in Lent

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers  
and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger  
and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the  
Lord Jesus Christ.*

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