

9:00 a.m.

Early Service

February 23, 2014

Entering God's Presence

Lead me to Calvary

Larry Shackley

***Here I am to Worship**

Tim Hughes

(Verse 1) *Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see, Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.*

Refrain: *So here I am to worship; here I am to bow down; here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

(Verse 2) *King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor.*

Repeat Refrain

***Responses**

Leader: *Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.*

People: ***Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.***

Leader: *Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,*

People: ***even as we hope in you.*** (Psalm 33)

Leader: *May the Lord be with you.*

People: ***And also with you.***

Leader: *Let us pray.* (Congregation seated.)

Guided Silent Prayer: *Musical Meditation* **Quiet Thoughts**

Kevin Boesiger

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

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 mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your great 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.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

Life in the Community

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Song 8 (Green Songbook)

Gather Us In

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Psalm 33 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 480 in the pew Bible.]

Matthew 15:10-12, 15-18 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 16 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

Change of Heart

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Prayers of the People

Dedicating Our Lives, Gifts, and Tithes

Offertory

(You are invited to bring your offering to God forward and place it on the Communion Table at the front of the sanctuary. You may come down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.)

*Song No. 216 (Green Songbook)

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong!"

Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Prayer of Dedication, concluding with the *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.

*Hymn 446 (Blue Hymnal)

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

Engelberg

arr. Laura Wasson

*All those who are able, please stand.