

9:00 a.m.

Early Service

February 11, 2018

Entering God's Presence

***Here I Am to Worship**

Tim Hughes

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.

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.

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!

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: Who are we?

People: We are children of God, the family of faith.

Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?

People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.

*Hymn 473 (Blue Hymnal)

For the Beauty of the Earth

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

Amazing God, we are bewildered by our continuing inability to make sense out of life. Our visions and dreams far outpace reality, and your expectations for us are seldom realized. We do not do the good we intend, and the evil we thought we had left behind comes back to haunt us. In our relationships with others, we seem unable to find a common language that unites us, and resist including everyone in our concerns. Forgive our sluggish response to you and our resistance to change. Purify and enliven us by your Spirit at work within and among us.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Life in the Community

*Hymn 386 (Blue Hymnal)

O for a World

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Genesis 12:1-3 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 9 in the pew Bible.]

Matthew 25:37-40 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 27 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

Compassion: It's Personal

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Dedicating Our Lives, Gifts, and Tithes

(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.)

Offertory

*Song 219 (Green Songbook)

We Give You Thanks (Sing twice)

LOCKWARD

We give you thanks. We give you praise.

For you are kind, you are love, you are God!

We give you 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.

*Song 267 (Green Songbook)

Will You Come and Follow Me

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*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

*All those that are able, please stand.