

My Order of Worship March 7, 2021

Welcome

Call To Worship:

Loving God, we have gathered to meet you.  
We have come to listen to you,  
to seek you, to worship you.  
You are the beginning of all things,  
the life of all things; you knew us before we were born.

**In you we become; in you we live.**

Loving God, you are here and everywhere,  
around us and within us; you know our inmost thoughts.

**In you we hope; in you we live.**

You are the source of serenity,  
giving peace that is beyond our understanding.

**In you we are still; in you we live.**

**Loving God, we live in you; we worship you.**

**Loving God, you live in us; we worship you. Amen.**

Song (and lighting of the Christ candle): ***Come Before the Lord with a  
Humble Heart***

God's Greeting

Song: ***In Christ Alone***

Confession:

Prayer for Humility (by leader)

Teach us the courage, O God,  
to turn from what seems so natural, so safe:  
the way of grasping power,  
and befriending the powerful,  
in the hope of protection and security.

Teach us humility, O God,  
to turn from what is so enticing, so persuasive:  
the way of accumulating things,  
and trusting in wealth,  
in the hope of comfort and life

Lead us, O God, in another way,  
the way of true security, true wealth,  
the way of Christ, the servant,

the way of weakness and simplicity.

Lead us, O God, in another way,  
the way of caring for the neglected,  
feeding the hungry,  
housing the homeless,  
protecting the threatened,  
and challenging the powerful,  
the foolish way of the Gospel,  
that brings salvation to all. Amen.

**Prayer:** (by congregation and leader)

**Our hearts are hard, O God—**

Soften them with your love.

**Our hands are clenched, O God—**

Open them with your grace.

**Our feet are planted too firmly, O God—**

Invite us to dance with you.

**Our lives are not our own, we know—**

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God.

**Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Amen.**

Two Senior's Birthday Songs: ***Great is Thy Faithfulness***  
***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture **Micah 6:1-8**

Sermon **It's Hard to Stay Humble**

Songs: ***Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord***

***Song of the Prophets v 1, 11, 18***

Prayers of the People

God's Parting Blessing

Song: ***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***

Offerings at the door