

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

(2nd Sunday of Lent)

March 12, 2017

10:15 AM

--Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

arranged by Eithun

“There Is a Fountain”

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth. Open your hearts to the steadfast love our Lord offers.

People: The deeds of God are beyond our knowing. Yet we catch glimpses of God’s mercy and care.

Leader: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid. Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

People: God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled. The needy are not forgotten.

Leader: Let us worship our Lord.

Choral Beginning

“His Praise Fills the Temple”

*We Sing Together

Hymnbook No. 488

“The God of Abraham Praise”

We Confess Together

Help us, dear Lord, for we do not have the wisdom to always help ourselves. When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet and we are mired down in hopelessness and self-pity, we need you. When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us because some of it is also in us, we cry out for your mercy. We confess that it is easier to see the problems than the promise. We have been more ready to complain than to accept your help. O God, we open our hearts to you. We want to be healed. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: This is a day of salvation, when brokenness is mended, problems are seen in a new light, and covenants are revisited.

People: God does not forget the cry of the hurting.

Leader: Accept the gift of God’s love, for it is everything we need.

*Response

“There Is a Longing”

Verse 2

Insert

--Receiving the Word--

*Passing of the Peace

Children’s Story

*Hymn Sing

Hymn Requests from Congregation

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 10)

Genesis 12: 1-9

New Testament Lesson (page 155)

Romans 4: 13-25

Reflection

“On Special Assignment”

Musical Offering

arranged by Eithun

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

--Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and 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, for ever. Amen.

Offertory

by McBroom

“The Rose”

*Hymn of Commitment

Hymnbook No. 432

“Song of Hope”

(sung twice)

*Blessing

*Response

by Longfellow

“Father, Give Thy Benediction”

*Musical Postlude

Welsh Folk Melody

“Let All Things Now Living”

*Please rise as able

Participants in today’s service include: Cynthia Dark (worship leader), Bells (prelude, musical offering), Richard Tobin (offertory), Senior Choir (responses), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Steve Cureton (reflection). Reflection for next week: “Let’s Bounce”