



“Lordy, Lordy, Look Who’s Forty!!!!”

Welcome to Worship

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(...singing Happy Birthday, God Loves You!)

***Call to Worship**

One: Please Stand in body or in spirit for the Call to Worship.

On these days of Lenten journey,

All: Christ goes with us side by side.

One: While we gather here for worship,

All: May our lives be focused with praise and care.

One: As we sing, pray and listen,

All: May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.

One: And may this time of worship,

All: Be for us a constant guide.

One: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

All: As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.

One; Come, let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn: "The Holy Way" see insert**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process.

We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another.

Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy.

And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have

(A Time of Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

(Please share the Peace of Christ with each other)

Celebrations, Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer...

**We celebrate The Holy Way a reflection by Karl Allen, read by Wendy
Mattias**

Our Offerings to God

Offertory Music

***Doxology (607)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, Whom we adore. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

God of all gifts, we are grateful for the many ways you continue to provide for us. As we offer a portion of these gifts today, we ask that you might receive them and transform them. Allow these gifts to become acts of restoration and hope, here in this community and beyond. So that all of your children might live into the abundance and the joy that you offer us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray. Holy God, just as you spoke at the dawn of creation, continue to speak to us now as we prepare to encounter your Word. Be with us in our listening, in our speaking, in our understanding, and in our responding. Amen.

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and shouting.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.¹

Strengthen the weak hands
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;^[b]
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Anthem

Scripture John 14:1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to Thomas, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Message “You Know the Way” Rev. Ray Thomas

***Sending Hymn #833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**

***Benediction** Rev. Ray Thomas

***Song: Let There be Peace on Earth**

Postlude:

**Please stand in body or in spirit*