



Celebration Lutheran Church

March 11, 2018

8am

Lenten worship in 2018 revolves around the concept of "Giving Way." Over and over in our life as disciples we are called to submit, to yield, to bend, to collapse, to surrender to God's bigger hopes and dreams for us. During Lent we will explore these verbs and how they impact our relationship with one and other and God. Wednesday Evenings we will be worshipping and focusing on our call to be invitational Christians using the prayer practice of lectio divina.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: YIELD

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE **Variations on "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul"** arr. J. Linker

WELCOME & GREETING *We greet one another in the name of God.*

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We come before God seeking forgiveness.

GATHERING SONG **Day By Day** (ELW#790)

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We gather and center our hearts through prayer.*

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

FIRST READING Ephesians 2:1-10
After the reading:
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Psalm begins and ends with the refrain as well as being sung during the pauses.
Refrain:



You de - li - ver your peo - ple from their dis - tress.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21

The gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN ACTION, PRAYER, AND PEACE.

CARES ON THE CROSS

The Pastor will invite you to reflect on the question: "What darkness do you need to yield?" As you have an answer, write it down and bring it to the cross. We begin our time of reflection by reciting the STOW:

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-8

WORD SONG

God So Loved The World (ELW#323)

PRAYER UPDATES

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The prayer petitions conclude with "Hear us, O God" We respond with "Your Mercy is Great"

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a word and/or gesture of Christ's peace with your worshipping neighbor. "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and other words are appropriate. Handshakes, hugs, and the kiss of peace is also appropriate.

As you share the peace, please circle around the altar. Bring your tithes, offerings and financial covenants forward.

THE MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All who are seeking Jesus as their Savior and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness are welcome to the Table.

DISTRIBUTION

We commune by intinction: receive the bread (or gluten free wafer) and when the cup comes to you, dip your bread into the cup.

BLESSING

After all have communed, the pastor blesses and dismisses the assembly.

PRAYER

We give thanks for God's presence and ask for God to send us as witnesses into the world.

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities for deepening discipleship are shared.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Christ the Life of All the Living (ELW#339)

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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Today's Worship Volunteers

Altar Care: Joann Betts

Greeter: Noah Ickes

Reader: Kathryn Ickes

Refreshments: Stephanie Braford

Usher: Dennis Betts