

PREWORSHIP MUSIC & PRELUDE

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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER¹

All: Holy God, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into this time of worship, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Shower us with your grace and embrace us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 25 - 27

Mr. Gary Knisely, Liturgist

NEW TESTAMENT READING – 1 John 4:7-11

STUDY SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Laura C. Baker

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OFFERTORY INVITATION

Liturgist: In an act of sacrificial love, gave God the only Son, Jesus, that all might experience eternal life. In humility, let us take a moment in silence to consider how we each, might respond to this amazing gift, with a sacrificial love offering – of our financial resources, time, and talents. In this way, we too, the church, can share the promise of life eternal. (*Silence for Reflection*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: O God, O Wondrous Love, you gave your only Son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response to this amazing gift. Money seems so insignificant when compared to your gift of eternal life. Yet, we place this money before you as a sacrificial gesture of our gratitude. We pray through Jesus who taught us, saying: 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.

HYMN*What Wondrous Love is This***Bulletin, Last Page****BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May the everlasting God bless us this day.
May God save and defend us from evil
and make us at last beloved children of the heavenly kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down; when I was sink-ing
 God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 down be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!