

ORDER OF SERVICE
March 11, 2018
Lent 4

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are given life-

P: by Love

L: We are called -

P: by Love

L: We are gathered together –

P: by Love

L: By God's love for us...

P: And by our love for God we come

L: So this day and all days

P: We abide in the love of God, living God's will, loving God's way.

L: Come, people of God's love covenant, let us worship together.

ALL: AMEN!

OPENING PRAISE

- This is the Day (MV122)
- What a Mighty God We Serve
- You are my Hiding Place

OPENING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

ALL: You, God, are our all-in-all, the ground of our being, the rock of our faith, the place of shelter, in the never-ending dance of our lives. For those moments in which we need calm, give us peace, For those moments in which we need to GO, give us energy. For those

moments in which we need to simple be, give us love. And help us to be your conduits of love, energy, and peace that flow into the world. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine (1, 2)

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

L: The Lord did not hold back even His Son so that we would have eternal life! Let us therefore find joy in giving to the ministries and work of this church in our world for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord.

OFFERTORY DEDICATION: VU288

Great is thy Faithfulness

ALL: With grateful hearts and generous spirits, we offer these gifts and ourselves to your work, through Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU617 I

Love You God, Who Heard My Cry

L: Loving God, out of your great mercy, you have transformed us and made us alive together with Christ. By your grace we are saved from our sin and despair and raised up with him and seated in heavenly places. You have shown us immeasurable riches through your grace and mercy. We pray that all your children know the fullness of these gifts. Hear us now as we pray:

P: We pray for those dear to us. We pray for the people we lean on...for all who make our lives rich and full...for

all known to us who are wounded in body, mind, or spirit...for all who are living in darkness and need your light... May all your children know your grace and mercy.

L: We pray for peace and safety in the world...

P: For all who do not receive the respect and consideration they deserve...for all whose faith is persecuted...for all who are disenfranchised and long to live in freedom...May all your children know your grace and mercy.

L: We pray for your church....

P: For her work and ministry...for the faithful ministries that are leading in their communities....for all who find hope through their witness...May they know your grace and mercy.

L: We pray for the concerns on our hearts.

P: We want to feel your presence in our areas of struggles...in our troubled relationships...in our moments of doubt....in the places in need of healing....May we, your children, know your grace and mercy.

L: Lord, especially hear us.. My prayer is...

L: Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit.

ALL: So that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory. Renew our hope, give your healing according to your Will as we pray in Jesus name.

AMEN

WORD

Preparing to Listen: "Ancient Words"

M. W. Smith (v1 & refrain)

1. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let your ancient words impart.

SCRIPTURES

OT: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

Last reader: These are the words from the scriptures we love

ALL: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: "Everywhere I go" by Sally DeFord

THE MESSAGE: He Has Come to Cover the Multitude of Sins

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear.
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed



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