

Lenten Service Wednesday, February 28, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The God of our ancestors heard our cries and saw our oppression when we were slaves in Egypt.

ALL: God brought us out with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. With signs and wonders God brought us through the wilderness.

One: The Lord, our shelter, our refuge, our dwelling place says:

ALL: When my people call to me I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will show them my salvation.

OPENING PRAYER:

One: God, our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new, to keep us in the sunlight and moonlight along rocky paths and pathways unknown, until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom, promised in Christ, in whose name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Blue Hymnal #85/Screen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our hearts, and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us, and conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, so that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: Lord, open your Word by your Holy Spirit, so that we may believe your promises to us.

All: Amen.

READING FROM PSALMS: Psalm 27

SERMON: "Shaky Faith?"

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PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

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