

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\*HYMN #508 (PH)                      “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #2281 (SF)    “May You Run and Not Be Weary”  
May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you  
strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled  
with joy! And may the road you travel always lead you home.

POSTLUDE                              “Fugue in C Major”                      By: Jay S. Bach

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Preacher:**                      Rev. Scott Thompson  
**Liturgist:**                      Rev. Leanne Thompson  
**Organist:**                      Rick Berg  
**Projectionist:**              Deb Grunwald  
**Sound Tech:**                Terry Woitaszewski  
**Nursery Supervisor:**      Erica Boeyink  
**Valet Parking:**              Greg & Connie Spartz  
**Ushers & Greeters:**      Jeff and Cheryl Tebben  
**Great Entry:**                Mel and Michele Odens, Rita Phillips, Darcy Forkrud,  
Sherry Myers, Barb Little, & Marguerite Austin  
**Communion:**                Mel and Michele Odens, Rita Phillips,  
and Darcy Forkrud  
**Counters:**                    Chuck and Karen Stern  
**Coffee Fellowship:**      Chuck and Karen Stern

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Willmar, MN**  
**March 4, 2018**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\*Please rise as you are able.  
Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE                              “Three Lenten Meditations”                      By Joyce Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION:                      “One Great Hour of Sharing”

THE GREAT ENTRY #2 (SH)                      “We Come to Your Feast”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The psalmist writes: "I call upon you for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words."

**All: Hear us, Lord, as we gather this day recognizing our desire to serve and our success in serving sometimes lie far apart.**

One: "Wondrously show your steadfast love O Savior of those who seek refuge.

**All: We seek in your house of prayer to come closer to you, in humility and frailty, that you might gird us with strength and compassion.**

One: Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN #370 (PH)**

**"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Lord we have denied you each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.

**All: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

One: Lord we have betrayed you each time we have kept our distance from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.

**All: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

One: Lord we have mocked you each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live.

**All: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

One: Lord we are lost and have strayed. Welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.

**All: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

One: Merciful One, God of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed, you have never abandoned us. In this season of repentance we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord, give us renewed and truthful hearts that will follow you in all of our ways.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**CONFESSION RESPONSE #579 (PH)**

**"Glory Be to the Father"**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. A-men, A-men.**

**\*THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN #396 (PH)**

**"O for a Closer Walk with God"**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 18:12-27

One: This is the Word of our Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**"Just As I Am"**

By: Dale Woods

**DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**