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# 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## February 24, 2019



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### Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE *Wonderful Merciful Savior  
Let the Waters Rise  
Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Learning to Be the Light*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
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SERMON *LIGHT OF FORGIVENESS*

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### CENTERING WORDS

*Forgiveness is the secret of souls at peace.*

PRELUDE *Meditation To You, O Lord I Call* Martin, Powell and Smith

CHORAL INTROIT *He Is Exalted* TFWS #2070

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 37:1-11, adapted)*

Trust in the LORD and do good.

God will give you the desires of your heart.

**Commit your way to the LORD, and delight in him.**

**God will act.**

Refrain from anger and jealousy, and leave behind bitterness that leads only to evil.

**Those who wait patiently for the LORD will be answered in God's great love.**

\*OPENING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* verses 1-4 No. 545

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

OPENING PRAYER

**God of great love, gather us together in worship.  
Hold us near to your heart that we may be filled with love  
that overflows in love for each other and for this world.  
Gather us close that through your strength  
flowing through this church,  
we may grow in the love of Christ each day.  
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

*Jesus Loves Me* (as children come and go)

*Nursery care is available*

*Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *O Lord, Your Tenderness* TFWS #2143

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response *O Lord, Your Tenderness* TFWS #2143

CHOIR ANTHEM *Heavenly Sunlight* Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Luke 26:27-38

HYMN (remain seated) *Help Us Accept Each Other* verses 1-3 No. 560

SERMON *LIGHT OF FORGIVENESS*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering  
Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Anonymous—Arr. Mark Hayes  
\*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*CLOSING HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail* verses 1-4 No. 549

BENEDICTION

Go out to love, no matter what.  
**Love friends and enemies alike.**  
Go out to love as you have been loved by God.  
**And watch how love changes the world.**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 557

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

POSTLUDE *I Will Sing of the Mercies* James Fillmore/Arr. Mark Hayes



\*Worshippers stand as able

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