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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



February 14, 2016



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Music by The Lord's Crew

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### Gathering

OPENING PRAISE We've A Story

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

\*PRAISE SONGS More Love More Power  
How Great Thou Art  
Strength of my Life

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION Doxology

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:26-31; John 17:20-25

SERMON "ORIGINAL BLESSING"  
Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

RESPONSE SONG Seek Ye First

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION  
(please bring offering up at Communion)

Words for Communion  
Communion Song On Bended Knee  
Prayer after Communion

### Going Forth to Serve

\*FINAL BLESSING Oh Lord You're Beautiful

\*CLOSING SONG This Little Light of Mine

\*Worshippers stand as able.



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### CENTERING WORDS

*"This is your tragedy: You forget the God in you. You wish to forget. Remembrance would imply the high duty to live as a child of God---generously---with life, with pride, with laughter. This is too glorious a victory for you...easier to forget...to live by denying life. Why are your eyes always either fixed on the ground in weariness or looking at others in suspicion? Throw your gaze upward---to the stars."*

---Lazarus Laughed by Eugene O'Neill

### WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Sebastian Temple

CHORAL INTROIT *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Mary Scifres, WORDS FOR WORSHIP)*

Come! Dwell in the shelter of God,  
The shelter of holy love.

**Trust in Christ Jesus,**

**our Refuge and our Strength.**

Abide in God's house, the household of love.

\*OPENING HYMN *Lift High the Cross*

No. 159

OPENING PRAYER *(Mary Scifres, WORDS FOR WORSHIP)*

God, our Guide and Guardian,  
lead us on this journey of faith.

Through the days and weeks of Lent,  
help us to walk your path  
to the cross;

strengthen us to resist the demons  
that would lead us astray.

Walk with us, Christ Jesus.

Be our shelter and our salvation,

even as we seek to be your disciples.

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Judy Atwood

*Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Jesus, Remember Me* No. 488  
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer No. 895  
 Choral Response *This is Our Prayer* No. 487

ANTHEM *Healer of My Heart* Robert Johnson / Jim Robinson

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:26-31  
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\*HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* No. 189

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OFFERING  
 Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *Only Trust Him* John H. Stockton  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 95

***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 *Precious Name* No. 530

\*BENEDICTION  
*As we leave this place, we continue the journey.  
 Christ leads us upon the way.*

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Lift High the Cross* No. 159  
***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
 Till all the world adore his sacred name***

POSTLUDE *A Strong Tower* Cindy Berry

\* You are invited to stand in body and/or spirit



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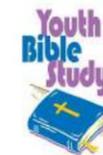


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