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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



March 12, 2017



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Music by the Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE Love Come Down

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

*PRAISE All the Heavens
Sing of My Redeemer
Come to the Water

*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 We Fall Down

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17

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OFFERING SONG Open Our Eyes Lord

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion Song Come to Jesus

*FINAL BLESSING Cares Chorus

*CLOSING SONG When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

*Worshippers stand as able



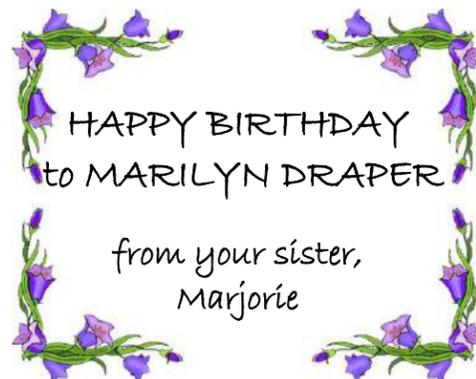
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Welcome to Worship!

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CENTERING WORDS

The wind blows where it chooses. Life takes us on many journeys. Conversations are not always clear. But always, the Spirit is on the journey, in conversation with us.

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE	We Shall Behold Him	Dottie Rambo
INTROIT	We Sing to You, O God verse 1	TFWS #2001

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we lift our eyes and hearts,
we sense the Spirit of God.
We touch the source of our hope,
the foundation of our help.
As we lift our hands and voices,
we worship and praise together.
With hearts lifted together,
we are one in this Holy Spirit;
we are blessed by this Spirit of love.

*OPENING HYMN Holy Spirit, Truth Divine No. 465

*OPENING PRAYER

Breathe on us, Breath of God.
Blow into our lives and into our worship.
Open our hearts as we seek your Holy Spirit,
and open our ears to the mystery of your call,
harkening to us across the years.
In your Holy spirit, we pray. Amen.

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.

ANTHEM Just a Closer Walk With Thee arr. Ed Lojeski

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful* TFWS #2195

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices,
the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response *In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful* TFWS #2195

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HYMN (remain seated) *Breathe on Me Breath of God* No. 420

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OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* M. Durham

*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*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.*

Mighty God, send your Holy Spirit
on these gifts and on these givers.
As your Spirit flows through our fellowship,
transform our gifts into signs of life,
signs of new life,
and signs of hope and help.
In gratitude, we pray. Amen.

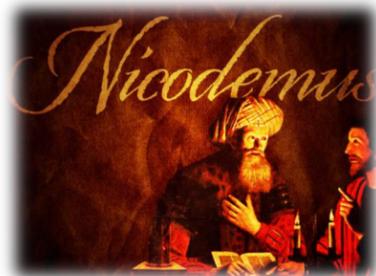
*HYMN *Lift High the Cross* No. 159

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Amen* No. 903

POSTLUDE *In the Presence of Jehovah* Geron and Becky Davis

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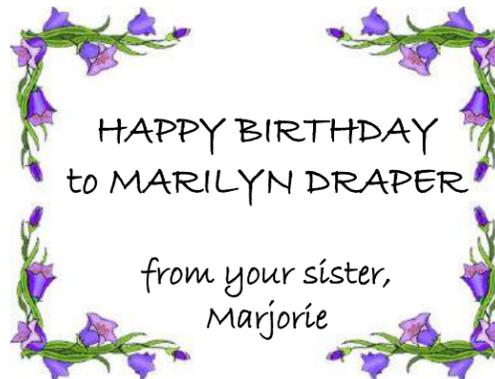
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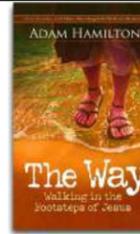
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