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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



February 25, 2018



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Welcome to Worship!

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *Revive Us Again*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRAISE *Sing of My Redeemer*
All My Days
Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Above All*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
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SERMON *GOD LOVES YOU: Follow*

OFFERING SONG *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION *Old Rugged Cross*

FINAL BLESSING *All Hail King Jesus*

*CLOSING *Victory in Jesus*

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CENTERING WORDS

"I took the [road] less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference."
~ Robert Frost

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *Here I Am to Worship* Tim Hughes

INTROIT *Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord* Randy Edwards

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Join your sisters and brothers on the journey,
the journey with Christ.
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with Christ at our side.
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*OPENING HYMN *He Leadeth Me* No. 128

OPENING PRAYER

**Guiding Light, Guardian God, show us the way forward.
Give us light for the shadowy trails
and grant us protection on the rough roads.
Guide us by the stars of your creation
as we live into promises that extend beyond infinity.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Patti Melsheimer

*Nursery care is available.
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

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A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Kyrie* No. 484
 Congregational Prayer
 Choral Response *Kyrie* No. 484

CHORAL ANTHEM *You Are Mine* Hass/Hayes

SCRIPTURE Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
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HYMN (*remain seated*) *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* No. 142

SERMON *GOD LOVES YOU: Follow*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
 Offertory *To God Be the Glory* Crosby/Doane
 *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*

*CLOSING HYMN *Lift High the Cross* No. 159

*BENEDICTION

Go in faith, holding on to God's promises.
 Go in joy, carrying hope to share on your journey.
 Go in love, bringing Christ's presence through your love in the world.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen* No. 903

POSTLUDE *He is Exalted* Twila Paris



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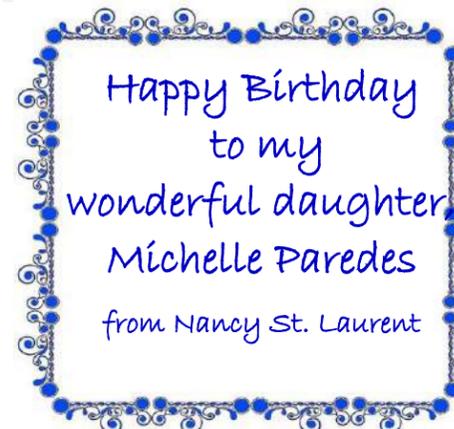
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