



## LENT WORSHIP SERVICE

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR EASTER

"When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem."

Luke 9:51

## LENT ORDER OF WORSHIP

**THE PRELUDE:** “How Great The Wisdom and The Love”

Adelheid Terry, piano  
McIntyre, arr. McDonald

How great the wisdom and the love that filled the courts on high, And sent the Savior from above to suffer,  
bleed, and die!

His precious blood he freely spilt; His life he freely gave,  
A sinless sacrifice for guilt, a dying world to save.

How great, how glorious, how complete redemption’s grand design, Where justice, love, and mercy meet in  
harmony divine!

**THE WELCOME:**

Pastor Mike Palombo

\* **THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively):** Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to Me with all your heart,  
**with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”**  
Return to the Lord your God,  
**for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and He relents over disaster.**

\* **THE OPENING HYMN:** #246 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

TOPLADY

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively):** Based on 1 Corinthians 13

Your steadfast love endures forever, but we have been impatient and unkind.  
**We confess we have been quickly irritated and restless in waiting. We have spoken harsh and hate-  
filled words. Teach us to walk in love.**

Your steadfast love endures forever, but we have been envious and boastful.  
**We confess we have been discontent with providence and have desired other’s portion. We speak too  
often and too loud of our accomplishments. Teach us to walk in love.**

Your steadfast love endures forever, but we have been arrogant and rude.  
**We confess we have elevated ourselves in pride and have belittled others In criticism. We have  
diminished and disrespected people with words and deeds. Teach us to walk in love.**

Your steadfast love endures forever, but we have insisted on our own way. We have been irritable  
and resentful.

**We confess we have been selfish in our thinking and demanding in our expectations. We quickly  
become angry and slowly let go of bitterness. Teach us to walk in love.**

(Silent Confession)

Your steadfast love endures forever, so help us to imitate your love as Christ has loved us.  
**Forgive us our sin through Christ, our Savior. Help us to bear all things, believe all things, hope in all  
things, and endure all things for the love of God and neighbor.**

\* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 1 John 4:9-10

\* **THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:** #486 “God Be Merciful to Me” (vs. 1-4)

REDHEAD

**LENT MEDITATION:** Ephesians 5:1-2

1. *Love walks intentionally*

2. *Love gives sacrificially*

3. *Love offers worshipfully*

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison):** THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11  
We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with  
God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a  
servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He  
humbled Himself and became obedient unto death – even death on a cross! Therefore,  
God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at  
the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

\* **LAMENT SONG:** “Man of Sorrows Vs. 1”

**Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, Who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

\* **LENT PRAYER (in unison):**

Lord Jesus, our suffering Savior, when the day drew near for You to be taken up, You  
set Your face toward Jerusalem. Help us to set our face toward the cross, mourning over our sin that  
crucified our Savior. Help us to set our face toward the cross, trusting in Your sacrificial death that  
forgave our sins. Help us to set our face toward the cross, denying ourselves, taking up our cross and  
following You in sacrificial love. As we look toward the cross, resurrect our hope and renew our faith  
until You return to renew creation. 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! Amen!

\* **HYMN OF AFFIRMATION:** “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” #455

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\* **THE BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**