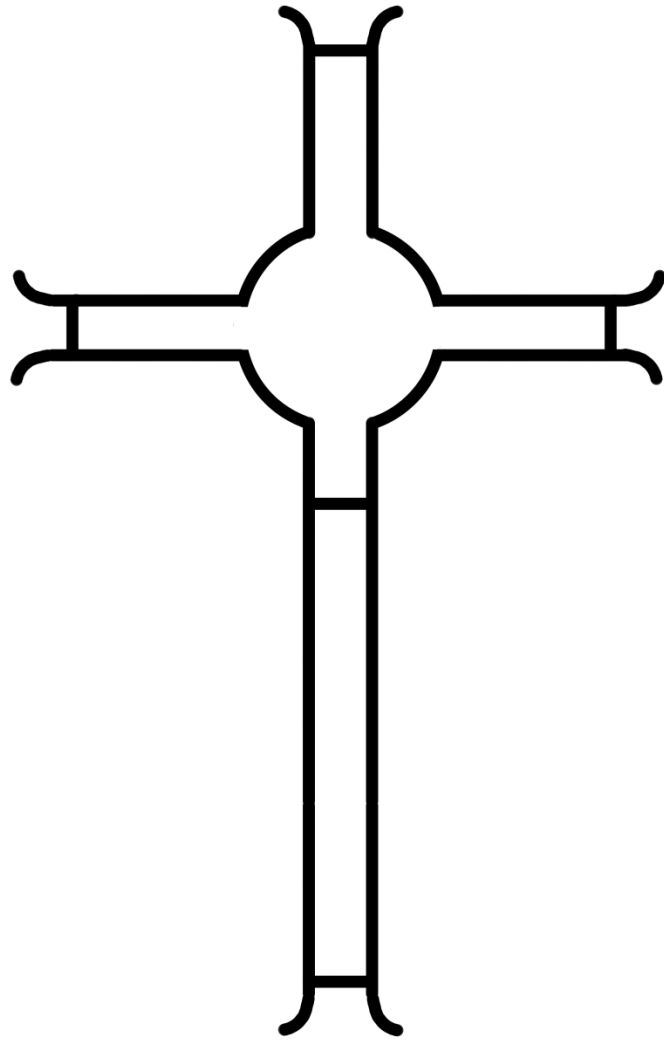


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# Order of Worship for 2/18/24

10:00am CST

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**\* Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

The beautiful floral arrangement today is from Sharon Corl in gratefulness and gratitude of her Calvin family!

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From water to wilderness -

**All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

One: On stone and in hearts -

**All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up -

**All: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**All: For where he is, we would be also.**

OPENING PRAYER (all)

**Loving God, you have made covenant with us and with every living creature. We give thanks for the sign of the rainbow, for it reminds you and us of your promise: that the flood of destruction will not be the last word. We thank you, too, for the waters of baptism, the sign that we are raised as children of the covenant; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And we thank you for the sign of the dove, the promise of your Holy Spirit. Hovering over the dawn of creation, descending upon your beloved Son, your Spirit also hovers over us and descends upon us. With the whole creation we give you all glory and honor. In your triune name we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #268

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens,  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space,  
we, your children, in your likeness,  
share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities,  
stately buildings row on row;  
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,  
stare on canyoned streets below,

where the lonely drift unnoticed  
in the city's ebb and flow,  
lost to purpose and to meaning,  
scarcely caring where they go.

We have conquered worlds undreamed of  
since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging  
through uncharted realms of space;  
probed the secrets of the atom,  
yielding unimagined power,  
facing us with life's destruction  
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise,  
each endeavor well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,  
**All: We are forgiven.**

**\*HYMN #82**

O Lamb of God, Most Holy!

(Choir sings first verse, then congregation joins to sing first verse again)

1 O Lamb of God most holy!  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
And patient still and lowly,  
Yourself to scorn did offer;  
Our sins by You were taken,  
Or hope had us forsaken:  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

2 O Lamb of God most holy!  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
And patient still and lowly,  
Yourself to scorn did offer;  
Our sins by You were taken,  
Or hope had us forsaken:  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

3 O Lamb of God most holy!  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
And patient still and lowly,  
Yourself to scorn did offer;

Our sins by You were taken,  
Or hope had us forsaken:  
Your peace be with us, Jesus!

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 9:8-17

Old Testament page 7

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

The Covenants God Has Made

Rev. Deb Kielsmeier

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of  
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he  
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's word;  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

"Canon of Praise"

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Hal Hopson  
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymnal p. 16*

## SENT IN GOD'S NAME

\*CLOSING HYMN #77

Forty Days and Forty Nights

1 Forty days and forty nights  
You were fasting in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights  
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

2 Shall not we Your sorrow share  
And from worldly joys abstain,  
Fasting with unceasing prayer,  
Strong with You to suffer pain?

3 Then if Satan on us press,  
Flesh or spirit to assail,  
Victor in the wilderness,  
Grant we may not faint nor fail!

4 So shall we have peace divine:  
Holier gladness ours shall be;  
Round us, too, shall angels shine,  
Such as served You faithfully.

5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,  
Ever constant by Your side;  
That with You we may appear  
At the eternal Eastertide.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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