



Eleven o'clock

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the blue cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

PRELUDE If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee *Nicolas Böhm*

* HYMN 485 To God Be the Glory *To God Be the Glory*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Psalm 103*):

People: May all that is within me bless God's holy name

Leader: The Lord forgives all your sins and heals all your brokenness

People: The Lord redeems us from the grave

Leader: The Lord crowns us with steadfast love and mercy

People: The Lord satisfies us with good as long as we live!

INTROIT Thomas Ravenscroft

Remember God's goodness, O thou man, O thou man,
Remember God's goodness and his promise made!
Remember God's goodness, How he sent his Son, doubtless
Our sins for to redress, Be not afraid.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshiping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as quick as we are to find comfort in your eternal love for us, we remember with shame the times when we have not reflected that depth of love in our lives. Forgive us our unloving and unlovely actions and words. Forgive us as we confess the times when our love for the world falls short of your love for us. Forgive us for too often replacing love with judgment. Help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders your healing love from shining through our lives. Remind us again that we are meant to be gifts to others for hope, comfort, and peace. Give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing. Strengthen us with your Spirit to be credible witnesses of your love as we continually experience it in and through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymnal No. 565

Lord Have Mercy

Weaver

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News:
in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks
through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has
opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your
neighbor - e.g., *"The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*

Response - *"And also with you.")*

ANTHEM

Psalm 23
YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Colin Mawby

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*+ Children and Youth leave for their Church School Classes
in the Center for Learning. +*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON John 3:14-21

* HYMN 76 My Song Is Love Unknown Love Unknown

SECOND LESSON 1 Kings 17:8-16

SERMON "Life Lessons: Elijah" Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY God So Loved the World Bob Chilcott

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that who so believeth in him
shall not perish but have everlasting life.*

* THE DOXOLOGY Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN (in bulletin) “Are Ye Able”, Said the Master

Beacon Hill

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Fugue VI on B-A-C-H

Robert Schumann

Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. (It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

1 Kings 17:8-16 (NRSV)

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God

lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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