

# ✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

February 27, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.  
Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

*“More important than length of life  
is how we spend each day.”  
-- Maria Aldina Furtado*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG “As the Deer” Martin Nystrom

## CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!”

**People: And let him who hears say, “Come!”**

Leader: Whoever is thirsty, let him come.

**People: And whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of  
the water of life.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

PRAISE SONG “You are My King (Amazing Love)” Billy J. Foote

## CALL TO CONFESSION

While we waver and hesitate, the love of God remains  
steadfast. Let us approach God with confidence, knowing that  
our Redeemer longs to make us whole.

## CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

**Eternal God, You make all things new, and forgive old  
wrongs we can’t forget. We confess that we have spent  
time without loving, and years without purpose, and the  
calendar condemns us for not evaluating our lives. Daily  
we have done wrong and failed to do what You demand.  
Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead  
us into the future free from sin, free to love, and ready to  
work for Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**  
(moment for silent prayer).

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given  
to Me,” said Jesus.

**People: “Remember, I am with you always, even unto the  
end of the world.” (Matt. 28:18,20).**

Leader: By the grace and mercy of Christ and His sacrifice  
for us, you and I are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 622)

## CHILDREN’S TIME /THE YOUNG AT HEART

ANTHEM “Alleluia” Ed Harris

SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:9-12a,18-25

SERMON “The Gates of Heaven”  
“The gates were twelve pearls” (Rev. 21:21).

\*HYMN No. 37 “Hallelujah Chorus”

## OFFERING

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 625)  
Dedication of Offering

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

\*HYMN No. 198 “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Thee with Tender Care” J.S. Bach

## POSTLUDE

\* Those who are able, please stand

### **Welcome to our church today!**

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming to worship with us. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the hymnal book holder in the pew. You may then put the card in the offering plate that will be passed to you during the offering.

Please join us in friendship and a chance to say hello after the service. Let us know how we can assist you.

### **Congregational Meeting**

The Session is calling for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 27, for the purpose of electing an elder to fill a vacancy for a one-year term on the Session Board. The business of that Sunday's meeting is limited to that one item.

### **Coffee Hour**

On the second Sunday of every month the Church Life Committee will be offering Coffee Hours once again to those who choose to share conversations following the Sunday service. Thank you for remaining masked until participating in the dessert-and-beverage time.

### **Ash Wednesday**

An abbreviated service to receive ashes on Wednesday, March 2 will be provided at our church at 10 am. On that same day the traditional soup and salad meal will be available at 6 pm. Included will be an overview of the Lenten Bible Study, "This Love Changes Everything." The Bible Study will be made available as a series for the remaining Wednesdays in Lent at 7 pm on the Sunday zoom address.

### **Lent Devotional**

"This Love Changes Everything" is the title of our Lenten Devotional gatherings. Join us, via zoom, for our journey through Lent. We will start with an in-person introduction to the devotional series at the soup and salad meal on Ash Wednesday, March 2. The following Wednesdays - March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 - we'll gather via zoom from 7 - 8 p.m. Use the same link as we use for the Sunday morning service to join the gathering - join early for catching up with friends.

### **For Prayer:**

Kevin Ashman, Dave Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux, Gretchen Young

### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who has supported me through Jim's illness and passing. I am really touched by all the love and caring I receive from this church family. Thank you to the anonymous donors, I am confident God will surely bless you. - - Arlene Krebs

Thank you, Joyce, for filling my chair while I was absent.  
You did an excellent job.

### **Covid Policy**

Session has amended the Covid policy so that face masks may be removed during the service. We ask that you still wear a mask when moving around the church before and after the service.

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

ASH WEDNESDAY -- March 2, 2022  
Two services: 10 a.m. "the Ashes" imposition  
6 p.m. -- Soup and Sandwich Supper,  
followed by brief service in the sanctuary.

March 6, 2022  
First Sunday in Lent  
Theme: "That Which He Is and Therefore Does"  
Scripture: Matthew 7:13-14; John 14:6  
Sermon: "He Is the Way"

### **Office Hours**

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary pastor, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.  
Pastor Jim Hicks – 607-898-5201- [hicksjam@verizon.net](mailto:hicksjam@verizon.net)

## As the Deer

### Verse 1:

As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

### Chorus:

You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

### Verse 2:

You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

### Chorus:

You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

### Verse 3:

I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye.

### Chorus (2x)

You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

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## You Are My King (Amazing Love)

### Verse (2x):

I'm Forgiven because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again.

### Chorus (2x):

Amazing Love, how can it be  
That You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing Love, I know it's true;  
It's my joy to honor You.

### Tag:

In all I do, I honor You.

### Bridge:

You are my King.  
You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.

### Repeat Verse

### Repeat Chorus

### Tag

In all I do, I honor You.  
In all I do, I honor You.

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## Gloria Patri

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, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2<sup>nd</sup> century  
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken  
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

## Hallelujah Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. (Hallelujah!)  
Hallelujah!.....

The kingdom of this world is become  
The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and of His Christ:  
And He shall reign for ever and ever,  
And He shall reign for ever and ever,  
And He shall reign for ever and ever,  
And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings, (Forever and ever, hallelujah! Hallelujah!)  
And Lord of lords, (Forever and ever, hallelujah! Hallelujah!)  
King of kings, (Forever and ever, hallelujah! Hallelujah!)  
And Lord of lords, (Forever and ever, hallelujah! Hallelujah!)  
King of kings, (Forever and ever, hallelujah! Hallelujah!)  
And Lord of lords, (King of kings and Lord of lords,)

And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings, (Forever and ever,)  
And Lord of lords, (Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
King of kings! and Lord of lords!

And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!

Text and Music: *Hallelujah Chorus*, George Frederick Handel

# Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Verse 1:

Wonderful Grace of Jesus,  
Greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it,  
Where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden,  
Setting my spirit free,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus  
Reaches me.

Refrain:

Wonderful the matchless grace, the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea; the rolling sea;  
Wonderful grace all sufficient for me, for even me;  
(Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain)  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame;  
O magnify the precious name of Jesus,  
Praise His name!

Verse 2:

Wonderful Grace of Jesus,  
Reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned,  
Saved to the uttermost;  
Chains have been torn asunder,  
Giving me liberty,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus  
Reaches me.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Wonderful Grace of Jesus,  
Reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power  
Making him God's dear child,  
Purchasing peace and heaven  
For all eternity;  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus  
Reaches me.

Refrain