

THE CHURCH IN AURORA
ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

February 2, 2020
9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE "How Beautiful" (See reference to text on back.) by T.Paris
arr., Larson

INTROIT "We Have Come to Worship the Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand if you are able.)

Liturgist: The Lord does not require your sacrifice.

People: We will be a people who lives justly.

Liturgist: The Lord does not need rivers of toil.

People: We will offer loving kindness to the world.

Liturgist: The Lord does not ask you to ignore your loved ones.

People: We will walk humbly with our God.

HYMN no. 345 "Blessed Assurance"
(Please stand if you are able. Pass Prayer Request Cards to Deacons.)

OPENING PRAYER

OFFERING (Sing in unison.)
We give Thee but Thine own; what-e'er the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone; a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Create in Me a Heart of Love" arr., McKibben

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Read in unison.)

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

MINISTRY OF PROCLAMATION Rev. Derek Hickman

Sermon Series: The Spiritual Renewal of Jonah
Sermon Title: **Our Hands Reveal Our Hearts**
Sermon Scripture: Jonah 1

HYMN no. 364, vs 1, 2, 4 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
(Please stand if you are able.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PREPARATORY ANTHEM "Come Into God's Embrace" McDonald

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE (See insert.)

BENEDICTION (Please stand for remainder of service if you are able.)

FINAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"

POSTLUDE "Festal Piece" Handel

"How Beautiful" was written by Twila Paris in 1994. In this contemplative song of praise are the following words, "How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful, how beautiful..."

from Lloyd Larson Choral Series, Hope Publishing Company



ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Deacons at 9:30 AM- Paula Messner, Mary Crane, and Richard Oxford

Liturgist at 9:30 AM- Jim Rudolph, Elder

Deacons at 11:00 AM- Russell Piazza, Laura Monroe, and Ed Mills

Liturgist at 11:00 AM- Rev. Kevin Horak

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INVITATION

CONFESSION & PARDON

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Pastor: Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

PEACE (Express signs of love and peace to others.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: When there was nothing but your love, you shaped all that is beautiful and good... So today, believing that your Word has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ, we join our voices with those who now know you fully, offering our songs of grateful praise:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, Anchorage of our hearts, and blessed is Jesus Christ, graced Word of joy... While we can only dimly understand the mysteries of your faith, hope, and love, we celebrate the One who came to reveal them to us, and we proclaim our faith together:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in unison.)

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.

RECEIVE THE BREAD & CUP

(Elements are consumed in unison after everyone is served.)



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