

THE CHURCH IN AURORA
ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

March 1, 2020
9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE "The Old Rugged Cross" arr. McChesney
performed by Adult Handbells

INTROIT "Lamb of Glory"

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

Liturgist: There is no warmth in the fire.

People: Our blood runs cold as the night. The one we love is in peril. Our courage blows away like the wind.

Liturgist: Strangers recognize our fellowship with Jesus.

People: Our denial pierces the soul like the cock's crow pierces the dawn.

Liturgist: There is no warmth in the fire.

People: Our tears flow cold as the night.

HYMN no. 385 "Near the Cross"
(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 "Interlude No. 1" Guilmant
(Turn in your Connection Card as the plate is passed.)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Read in unison.)
Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.

MINISTRY OF PROCLAMATION Rev. Derek Hickman

Sermon Series: 24 Hours That Changed the World
Sermon Title: **Peter's Denial**
Sermon Scripture: Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75

HYMN no. 184 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (Please stand if you are able.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PREPARATORY ANTHEM "In Remembrance" Red
Barb Brookhart, flute

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE (See insert.)

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

FINAL RESPONSE "The Grace of Our Lord Jesus"

POSTLUDE "Caithness" Willan



ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S WORSHIP

Deacons at 9:30 AM- Doug Vermillion, Mary Crane, and Richard Oxford
Deacons at 11:00 AM- Paula Messner, Rebecca Bliss, and Laura Monroe
Liturgist- Rev. Kevin Horak

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE



INVITATION

CONFESSION & PARDON

All: Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we “see”, we miss the truths you would teach us. With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures, and our own faults. Make our “shadow side” known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, hear the good news! Christ died for us while we were still sinners. That proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

PEACE

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of 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, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation...and so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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.)

FOR OUR GUESTS...

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. Gluten-free communion wafers are available on each serving plate. Information about our church may be found at the **Welcome Center Desk** near the main entrance. Please allow us to get to know you better by filling out the **Connection Card** and placing it in the offering plate. **Prayer Request Cards** are also located in the pew racks. If you have a prayer request you would like included in our weekly Prayer Chain letter, write it on a card and give it to the Deacon who comes down the aisle during the opening hymn. **Restrooms and a water fountain** are located in Great Hall. An **ADA Accessible/ Family Restroom** is located on the main floor by the nursery. **Bible Studies and other groups** meet throughout the week and are listed on the church's calendar (www.tcia.cc), or you may call the church office (330-562-8266) for more information.

THE GREETER TODAY IS LINDA BROGAN.

YOU RECEIVED A CONNECTION CARD AS YOU ARRIVED FOR WORSHIP TODAY.

Please complete your card (including your contact information if it has changed) and place it in the offering plate when it passes.

A TIME OF COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWS BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES TODAY.

After the 1st service at 10:30, it will be upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. After the 2nd service at noon, it will be in the Great Hall. **THE TROOK AND ERRINGTON FAMILIES HAVE PROVIDED TODAY'S SNACKS.**

"MEET THE DISCIPLES" STUDY CONCLUDES IN PROMISELAND THIS WEEK.

Grades 1 & 2 are in Camp Promise & Promise Inn; Grade 3 is Port Promise & Promise Temple, and Grade 4 is in Promise Garden. These classrooms are located upstairs.

MARCH SPIRES WERE BULK-MAILED & EMAILED THIS WEEK (emailed copies were included as a link in Pastor Derek's weekly E-Newsletter). If you did not receive yours, please let the church office know. Extra printed copies are available on the side table in Great Hall.

COPIES OF *WE BOW OUR HEARTS TO YOU*, A BOOK OF DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON, ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SIDE TABLE IN GREAT HALL.

REMINDER: The final "Listening Tours" are today at 2 PM and 6:30 PM. Two "spots" remain for the 6:30 PM meeting at the Krebs' home (Aurora). Mark your Connection Card if you would like to attend.

CIRCLE 3H will meet Friday, March 6 at 10 AM fill the Easter Eggs for the TCIA "Eggstravaganza" Egg Hunt (to be held Saturday, April 4). All are invited to be part of this fun morning of service and fellowship. There will be an optional lunch afterward at an area restaurant.

"EASTER EARTHQUAKE" IS A 6-WEEK 9:30 AM SUNDAY MORNING LENTEN STUDY LED BY REED FULLER. It began today. **"24 HOURS" IS A 7-WEEK LENTEN STUDY LED BY PASTOR DEREK.** It begins this Wednesday, March 4 at both 10 AM and 6:30 PM. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR EITHER. You may register by marking today's Connection Card. The cost of the study book for each series is \$10.

THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IS MONDAY, MARCH 8 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FROM 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

Visit "RedCrossBlood.org" to check your eligibility and then make your donation appointment using Sponsor Code "Aurora" to access our church drive. You may contact Dorothy Bell (330-908-3885) for questions or help signing up for Rapid Pass which saves you time at the appointment. Please help promote our drive on your personal social media and invite your friends.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTRY?

On Saturday, April 25, our church will be hosting a Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop, and you can attend at no charge. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

DONATIONS FOR THE AURORA FOOD PANTRY may be brought to the church and

placed in the marked bench in Great Hall to be taken to the pantry on Tuesday of each week. The pantry is in need of all personal hygiene products (except for toothpaste).