

## Order of Worship

March 10th, 2024 ~ The 4th Sunday in Lent - 9am

### Prelude

### Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

### Call to Worship

God's love is for all of creation.

**The vastness of God is for human, animal, soil, and sun, all together as God's beloved.**

God has not come into the world in Jesus to condemn us.

**Jesus has come to live God's love in the flesh.**

While the world is dim with injustice and the feeling of loneliness,

**it is in Jesus that the light of love illumines our path of friendship. Come, let us join our lives with the Friend whose love is for the whole world. Let us worship God!**

**Amen.**

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### Hymn of Praise

*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

#### Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

#### Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day  
dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever  
lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening  
comes

#### Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

#### Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow  
to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is  
kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on  
singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart  
to find

#### Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

#### Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is  
failing  
The end draws near and my time  
has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise  
unending  
Ten thousand years and then  
forevermore

#### Chorus

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#### Tag

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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### Music for Meditation

## Hymn

*Christ Be Our Light*  
(verses 1, 2, 5)

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

### Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

### Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

### Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

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## Opening Prayer

This is love.  
Not that you spoke words of comfort,  
walked with the unclean and unloved,  
shared wisdom, bread and wine, brought healing into lives  
and challenged the status quo.  
This is love.  
That you spoke the word of God,  
walked a painful road to the Cross,  
shared living water, bread of life,  
brought Salvation to the world  
and died for the sake of all.  
This is love.  
It is a seed  
sown in the ground,  
which germinates,  
blossoms,  
and spreads its sweet perfume.  
**Amen.**

~ written by John Birch, Faith and Worship

## Special Music

*Nardis*  
Miles Davis

## Scripture Reading

**John 3:14-21**  
**NRSV**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"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.

"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. Those 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. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But 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."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*God So Loved the World*  
The Rev. Dr. Charla Belinski

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayers of the People

## Offertory

*Wave*  
Antônio Carlos Jobim

## Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise Him all creatures here below**  
**Praise Him above ye heav'nly host**  
**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**  
**Amen**

## Communion

## 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

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## Closing Hymn

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

### Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored

### Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

### Verse 2

We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land

### Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

### Verse 3

We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride

### Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

### Verse 4

All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus  
His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one

### Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

Peter Scholtes, CCLI Song #26997

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## Closing Prayer

Infinite Love, heart of all life,  
you loved this word into being  
with such love  
as to birth yourself among us,  
Love begotten as the Beloved.  
Opening ourselves to your love  
we live beyond our mortal selves  
and join your eternal Oneness.  
Your presence does not separate but unites;  
love does not push away, but embraces;  
you do not condemn, but save.  
Trusting this we know  
we are loved, never rejected.  
You are the only source of life.  
**Amen.**

~ written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

## Blessing

## Postlude

***Our love in action now begins***

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by  
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Micha Schoepe, Darrell Smith & Paul Dankers.

***Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!***  
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