

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, March 19, 2023 • 10:00 AM



## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neil Trainer

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 97)

Jerry Erickson

One: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

All: **Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

One: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

All: **The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.**

One: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

All: **Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

## SONG OF PRAISE "How Great Is Our God"

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Mitchell

**O great and glorious God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you,  
a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.**

**But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete.**

**Forgive our arrogance when we ignore your immensity and greatness and become satisfied with  
small thoughts of you. Forgive our selfishness when we fail to love one another as you have  
loved us in Christ. Forgive our stubbornness when we do not obey your clear commands,  
choosing instead to follow the ways of a broken world.**

**And hear us now as we silently confess our sins to you in Jesus' name.** *(silence for reflection)*

## 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SONG OF ASSURANCE "O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus (Ebenezer)"

## PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## DOXOLOGY

## BLESSING OF CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

## MINISTRY MOMENT Stephen Ministry

Jan Christophersen

## OFFERING "The Basin and the Towel" by Michael Card

## SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1-17

Jerry Erickson

## SERMON "Do You Understand What I've Done to You?"

Neil Trainer

## SONG OF RESPONSE "Jesu Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Linda Erickson

## SONG OF SENDING "God of Justice"

## BENEDICTION

Neil Trainer

## POSTLUDE

*Below is a repeat from the Stories of Faith column from the Friday, February 3rd email.*

**Growing My Faith Through Hospitality**

// by Nancy Bowerman

When I was growing up in Seattle, my parents were always entertaining. On Saturdays, my mom would bake fresh bread or a pie to get ready for the next day. On Sunday mornings, she would put a roast in the oven before leaving for church, and then she and my dad would look around the congregation to see if there were new visitors to invite for Sunday dinner. It would be common to have ten people around the table each week. She made it look easy (maybe because she grew up in a large farming family in Minnesota), but my parents were always interested in meeting new people and making friends. At her memorial service, Mike asked the congregation to raise their hand if they had ever eaten a meal at Don and Pauline’s home, and nearly everyone in the service of over 200 put their hands up.

When Mike and I got married, we wanted to follow their example and have our home be a place of hospitality to others, but we chose a different day of the week. It was hard to get three small kids to church on time, let alone prepare a Sunday meal! For me, being hospitable to people, both those I know and strangers that cross my path, has been one of the most life-changing and spiritually rewarding steps of faith I have ever experienced. God has shown me how our home can be used by Him and for His purposes. He may use us to help visitors, and He may also use visitors to guide and direct our own lives. Two major examples come to mind.

A few years ago, Judy Runions Green asked me if I would be willing to host a couple of college kids from South Africa in our home for a few weeks

while they were taking a course at the UW Bothell campus. To be honest, I wasn’t very excited about the idea, but decided to say yes. John Henry and Johan came to stay, and it was a delightful time. They were loads of fun, and we had a great time showing them around the city, as well as learning about life in South Africa. One day, John Henry missed his ride, and I told him I could take him to class after we finished breakfast. As we were eating, I asked him to tell me about his family. To my amazement, this young man broke down in heaving sobs and told me his story. He had grown up in a loving Christian home, never missing any church services. Somehow, though, his father had got mixed up with another woman and had left the family, leading his mother to fall into a deep depression. She committed suicide while he was away at college. John Henry felt deep despair that he had not been with her, and, to make matters worse, his grandmother told him that his mother would not be in heaven because of this sin. For the next two hours, I talked to John Henry about the nature of depression, and that it was an illness. I told him that her death wasn’t his fault, and his mother was still loved by God. He listened intently and thanked me for that encouragement. After I dropped him off at his classes later that day, I sat in my car, stunned by the realization that God had sent this grieving young man to our home for help, all the way from South Africa. We still keep in touch today, and he calls me his “American” mom.

A second example illustrates how God uses visitors to influence our direction. While our son, Stewart, was a junior at Shorewood and beginning to research colleges to attend, our younger kids were attending King’s Middle School. A call went out to parents to host some choir kids from Azusa Pacific University who were in town. I think we had at least four college kids sleeping downstairs one night. The next morning, they invited me to

come to their concert. I attended, and was blown away by their musical ability, as well as their Christian witness. I told Stewart we needed to add that university to our list of places to check out. It turned out both of our sons would eventually attend there.

Not all my experiences hosting people have been quite so dramatic, but I am *always blessed* to meet people from different countries or situations and become friends with them over a meal. Maybe this experience is like that of the early church. For over 300 years, Christians met in homes and shared meals together. There were no church buildings. It must have been the way that the Church grew so quickly. As Peter writes in 1 Peter 4:9, “Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.” In our world that has so much divisiveness and loneliness, a simple meal and a cup of tea truly can be the greatest witness of the love of Christ.



**Happy Birthday!**

- Roryk Juengel ..... Mar. 19
- Don Belcher..... Mar. 21
- Lyn Fouch..... Mar. 21
- Ginny Fenske ..... Mar. 22
- Rick Miller ..... Mar. 24
- Ian Baker ..... Mar. 25
- Lee Simpkins ..... Mar. 26
- Pietro Parrilla ..... Mar. 27
- Chris Jackson ..... Mar. 30
- Carol Olason ..... Apr. 01



**Upcoming Events**

- The Sanctuary Course*, 11:30 am in the Fireside Room..... Mar. 19
- Choir Rehearsal ..... Mar. 22
- Palm Sunday ..... Apr. 02
- Betty Hedge Memorial..... Apr. 02
- Messy Church ..... Apr. 05
- Maundy Thursday ..... Apr. 06
- Good Friday..... Apr. 07
- Easter Egg Hunt ..... Apr. 08
- Easter Sunday ..... Apr. 09
- Ladies’ High Tea ..... Apr. 22
- Vision House Luncheon ..... May 08
- Walk for Water ..... May 13