

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 2-7-10

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: Hallelujah! Let us give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

C: We will tell everyone what God has done for us.

L: We will sing songs and hymns of praise because of God's faithful and wonderful deeds.

C: We will honor God's holy name and seek the Lord with our whole hearts.

L: We will watch and listen for God's presence.

C: God has made a world of wonders and shared it with us. We will worship with thanks and praise!

*Hymn # 77 How Great Thou Art

Scripture Reading Verses from Genesis 1, 2, & 3 (NLT)

(Ch. 1) **1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the land burst forth with every sort of grass and seed-bearing plant. And let there be trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. And God saw that it was good. **20** And God said, "Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind." **21** So God created great sea creatures and every sort of fish and every kind of bird. And God saw that it was good. **24** And God said, "Let the earth bring forth every kind of animal – livestock, small animals, and wildlife." And so it was. **25** God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to reproduce more of its own kind. And God saw that it was good. **26** Then God said, "Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves. They will be masters over all life – the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the livestock, wild animals, and small animals." **27** So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them. **28** God blessed them and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it. Be masters over the fish and birds and all the animals."

(Ch. 2) **15** The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and care for it. **16** But the LORD God gave him this warning: "You may freely eat any fruit in the garden **17** except fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat of its fruit, you will surely die."

(Ch. 3) **6** The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. Then he ate it, too. **7** At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together around their hips to cover themselves. **8** Toward evening they heard the LORD God walking about in the garden, so they hid themselves among the trees.

Call to Confession

Leader: God's love is so great that we are called children of God. God beckons us to confess our sins, to enjoy God's limitless mercy, and to know ourselves beloved.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you gave us your firstborn Son that we might follow him to eternal life; instead, we continue to betray him daily. You call us your children, yet we are ungrateful and take your

gifts for granted. You give us each other as sisters and brothers, and we wage war within our own household. Forgive us, Lord, and teach us the true meaning of family. Help us to love all your children and to treat others with the peace and justice we learn from you. Amen.

(Silent Reflection & Prayer of Assurance)

Lord's Prayer:

Anthem

Offertory:

*Doxology p. 95 Praise God

Scripture Reading John 3:11-21 (NLT)

11 I assure you, I am telling you what we know and have seen, and yet you won't believe us. **12** But if you don't even believe me when I tell you about things that happen here on earth, how can you possibly believe if I tell you what is going on in heaven? **13** For only I, the Son of Man, have come to earth and will return to heaven again. **14** And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so I, the Son of Man, must be lifted up on a pole, **15** so that everyone who believes in me will have eternal life. **16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. **17** God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. **18** "There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him. But those who do not trust him have already been judged for not believing in the only Son of God. **19** Their judgment is based on this fact: The light from heaven came into the world, but they loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. **20** They hate the light because they want to sin in the darkness. They stay away from the light for fear their sins will be exposed and they will be punished. **21** But those who do what is right come to the light gladly, so everyone can see that they are doing what God wants."

Hymn # 191 Jesus Loves Me

(Children from Sunday School will join us & be seated in the front pews for the remainder of worship. Parents, as you come forward for Communion, have your child join you in line.)

Message: God's Love Story

Holy Communion

(All who seek to love Christ and their neighbor are invited to receive Communion. We will come forward to receive Communion by intinction or by receiving a piece of bread and a small cup. It is your choice. "Intinction" means that you will hold out your hands to receive a piece of the broken bread, dip it in the chalice, then eat it.)

*Hymn # 170 O, How I Love Jesus

Benediction & Three-Fold "Amen"

**THE SUMMIT
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Gathering Music

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Song Set

Children's Moment

God's Word for Us: John 3:11-21 (NLT)

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