

PRESENT ON EARTH
THE LORD'S PRAYER IN THE 21st CENTURY

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Dan Duncan, worship leader

*HYMN #59

Sing praise to God who reigns

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Buerge

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:7-15 and Matthew 18:15-22**

HYMN (see insert)

Christ's is the world

SERMON

Forgiveness in a world of #metoo and #timesup

ANTHEM

The Frozen Earth

Biery

The frozen earth begins to thaw,
Each melting drop of snow unites;
Part of the pool of grace and awe
That God restores, renews, ignites.

Now feel each gentle drop of dew
Awake to nourish fragile life,
Become a torrent, flowing new,
And wash away our earthly strife.

Our hearts are frozen, like the earth,
And often full of shallow rain;
Yet God renews through our rebirth,
And brings to all salvation's gain.

This holy time of thoughtful prayer,
From us a song of hope and need
For God to banish ev'rywhere
Our sin, our life forever freed!

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER (see insert)

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Hannah Unruh

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take time to read the announcements printed in newsnotes today. If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service. These announcements will then be shared from up front as opposed to passing the microphone.

*HYMN #145

There's a wideness in God's mercy



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

*SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Lord, teach us to forgive: to look deep into the hearts of those who destroy our peace, so that we may glimpse in that dark, still water, not just the reflection of our own face but yours as well. ***

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated “SS” are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

**For further reading on forgiveness in the Bible: Psalm 103:6-14; Numbers 14:17-21; Daniel 9:3-10; Micah 7:18-29; Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:31-32; Luke 17:3-4

***Adapted from STS #16

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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