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Madison, Wisconsin

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**February 18, 2018**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**9:00 am Classical Worship**

**Welcome to Worship!**

We gather to worship today, our hearts alive with hope that here we will be truly seen, that here we will be welcomed into the garden of this community, where the simple and the elegant, the fluted and frilled, the shy and the dramatic complement one another and are treasured.

May we know that here, each contributes in their way to the beauty of the whole.

Come, let us worship together, and may we root ourselves in the values of our faith:  
compassion and courage, transcendence, justice and transformation.

~ Meg Barnhouse

**Pre-Service Musical Offering**

We welcome you to use this time to prepare for worship and direct yourself towards the presence of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Please keep silence in the Sanctuary during this time.

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| I. <i>Plein jeu</i>  | François Couperin   |
| <i>An organ stop or combination of stops producing a full chorus of diapasons and principals in octaves, plus additional mixture pipes, adding fifths, and sometimes cymbal.</i> |                     |
| II. <i>Prière à Notre Dame (Prayer to Our Lady)</i>  | Leon Boëllmann      |
| III. <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>  | Paul Manz           |
| IV. <i>Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed</i>   | Dan Forrest         |
| V. <i>Spirit of the Living God</i>   | Marianne Kim        |
| VI. <i>Meditation on "Land of Rest"</i>  | Gilbert M. Martin   |
| VII. <i>As the Deer Runs to the River</i>  | Christopher Uehlein |
| VIII. <i>O Worship the King</i>  | Dan Forrest         |

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***A Community Centered in Christ:  
gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve.***

## *We Gather in Love*

The Introit *Hashivenu*

*Cause us to return to you, O God, and we shall return.*

arr. Doreen Rao

Please stand for The Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ; we praise God for the grace that has saved us. Let us worship God in spirit and truth!**

Remain standing to sing

The Hymn of Praise *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Hymnal No. 483

(Mit freuden Zart)

The Prayer of the Day

The Gloria Patri

Hymnal No. 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

The Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from  
your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure where  
we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love,  
neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and  
forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

The Kyrie (Lord Have Mercy)

Hymnal No. 574

*We mark the season of Lent by singing "Lord, Have Mercy) before our  
Silent Confession. Please join in singing after the Choir sings it once through.*

Our Silent Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Welcome –  
We're glad YOU  
are worshipping with  
us today!*

Thank you for silencing  
cell phones and other  
electronic devices  
before worship!



A Hearing Loop  
Is installed  
and available.

Switch your hearing aid  
to "T-Cell".

Please ask an Usher  
if you need assistance.

Congregational spoken  
responses appear  
in **bold type**.

Hymns and sung  
responses will be found in  
the **BLUE HYMNAL**  
under the seat  
in front of you.

Large Print Bulletins,  
Hymnals and Bibles are  
available. Ask an Usher.

*Please join us –*

*after Worship today  
for coffee  
and fellowship  
in the Gathering Hall,  
outside of the Sanctuary.  
Whether you are  
a long-time member or  
a visitor, we'd like to  
get to know you!*

*The Season of  
Lent, 2018*



**TURNING**

Turn

Return

Repentance –

In Hebrew all three  
have

a common root –

lashuv

shuvah

teshuvah

Lent has a character  
of turning –

Turning away from  
distractions,

from misplaced  
priorities, from dust  
and numbness and  
dread.

We turn away in order  
to become who we can  
be at our utmost  
and best in God.

Life is a turning,  
a becoming, and Lent  
reminds us that to  
return, we will have to  
turn away and descend.

~ Susan Palo Cherwien

Please remain standing to sing The Doxology

Hymnal No. 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

You may be seated.

Children ages 3-10 are excused at this time for Children's Chapel,  
in the Sunday School classrooms downstairs.

## ***We Grow by Grace***

News of the Church

The First Scripture Reading

Romans 12: 1-12

Pew Bible, page 922

The Psalm

Psalm 25, verses 1-10

Services during Lent include the responsive singing of the Lectionary Psalm  
for the week. Please join in singing the response below after each verse.

Refrain

Hal H. Hopson



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The Second Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1: 1-4

The Sermon

Trusting God in Troubling Times: How Long?

The Invitation for Giving

The Offertory Anthem

Return to God

John Helgen

*Return to God from wayward ways, and crossed with ash  
the threshold cross into the desert wilderness.*

*There at your will these twoscore days seek out the dry, a spring awaits.*

*Seek out the still, a voice will call. Seek out the plain, there angels care.*

*And in the sere and barren air discern the passion under all:*

*God's voice, "Return, I love you still."*

*~ Susan Palo Cherwien*

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## ***We Go Forth to Serve***

The Prayers of the People and 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 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.**

*Please stand to sing*

The Sending Hymn      *The Glory of These Forty Days*      Hymnal No. 87  
(Erhalt uns, Herr)

The Benediction

The Choral Benediction      *Fourfold Amen*      John Dowland

The Organ Postlude      *Lift High the Cross*      Paul Manz

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### **Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Dale Chapin, Preacher

Donna Wilson, Liturgist      Scott Wilson, Reader

Kathleen Otterson, Music Director      Robert Haigler, Organist

The Chancel Choir

Greeters: Arlene Linn, Ruth Strong

Ushers: Rose Watchou, Alice Spencer, Jim Severson,  
Tanner and Beth Blair

Sound Technician: Bryan Yates

Tellers: Cliff and Carol Koehler

### **Next Sunday, February 25**

#### **The Second Sunday in Lent**

Pastor Dale preaching – “Why”

Scripture: Mark 15: 33-34; Habakkuk 1: 5-17

#### **Pre-Service Music at 8:30 am!**

Organist Robert Haigler plays organ music of Dietrich Buxtehude,  
Johann Pachelbel, and William Walton  
settings of hymn tunes including “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence,”  
and “God of Grace and God of Glory”

***Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name  
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
~Colossians 3:17***