

# Allow Time to Reach Your Destination

## **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN WARMINSTER**

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### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

February 28, 2010  
11:00 AM

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9:00 am Teaching Worship Service  
10:00 am Church School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

# **SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH EVERYONE!**

Ministers: The Congregation  
Interim Pastor: Rev. Robert Palin  
Lay Leader: Calen Daley

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Out of respect for fellow worshipers, please put all cell phones in the vibrate mode.**

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

**(Those who are able, please stand)**

CHORAL INTROIT

SOLEMN DECLARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: There is urgency to our lives. We have work to do and many pressures.

**C: Let us not get distracted by matters of less importance and neglect the most important covenant we have with God.**

L: Everyone is clamoring for our attention, our help, our money.

**C: What does God require of us? Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God.**

L: We wander about, often as if we were in darkness.

**C: The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?**

L: Teach me your way, O Lord. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**ALL: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Let us worship God.**

HYMN Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling R#147

### CALL TO CONFESSION

L: We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to almighty God

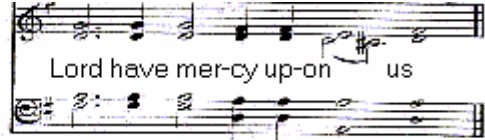
(A time of silence for personal confession).

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

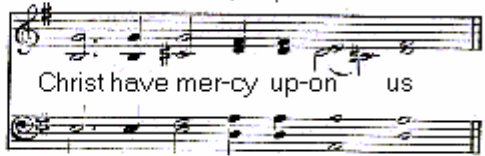
**Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

# KYRIE

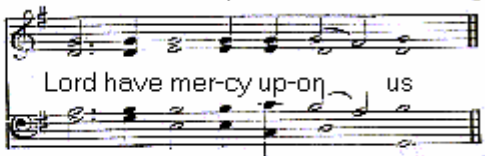
Lord have mercy upon us



Christ have mercy upon us



Lord have mercy upon us



# ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

**C: We believe the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

# CALL TO PRAISE

L: Let us sing praise to God.

**C: We will continually praise God's holy name**

# ACT OF PRAISE...THE GLORIA PATRI

*176 PROCESSIONAL HYMN*

Glo-ry be to the Father and to the son and to the ho-ly ghost. As it  
 was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen Amen

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
 And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

(Please be seated)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**MOMENTS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

L: They that pray to the Lord,

**All: Shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint. Teach me, Lord; teach me, Lord, to pray.**

As we pray there will be time to lift up your joys and concerns. After each prayer let everyone say” *Your prayer is our prayer too*”

### INTERCESSIONS AND OUR 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, for ever. Amen

### GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM      I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

(Those who are able, please stand)

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The image shows a musical score for an offertory response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. A-MEN." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

(Please be seated)

## SCRIPTURE **Genesis 15:1-12**

### God's Covenant with Abram

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

## **Luke 13:31-35**

### The Lament over Jerusalem

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired

to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

SERMON      Allow Time to Reach Your Destination

HEALING SERVICE

HYMN              Sent by the Lord              R#154

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Pastor              *I will call upon the Lord,*

**All:      I will call upon the Lord,  
            who is worthy to be praised.  
            So shall I be saved from mine enemies.  
            The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock and  
            may the God of my salvation be exalted.**

POSTLUDE