

THE SENDING FORTH

We are blessed and we are sent out in ministry.
It has been said that as our worship ends, our service begins. Having been challenged and nourished, we now go in peace to love and serve God in the world God loves.

+ SENDING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal

Blue #375



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n-ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

+ BENEDICTION

John Ross

Leader: For what does the Lord require of us?

All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to the table that is set for us by Jesus Christ. Following the service, all who wish to receive communion come forward by the center aisle and go to a station on either side of the chancel for the bread and cup. Exit by way of a side aisle.

POSTLUDE

Carolyn Diamond

Settings to

Celebrate Praise, Communion and Strength with God!

Held/Helman/Murphree

...Our Worship has ended, now our Service begins...



You are invited to be seated
to receive the Postlude as a parting gift.

Or, you may quietly proceed to
Founders Hall for fellowship and coffee.

And, if you have joys or concerns to share with us,
one of our clergy leaders will be near the Prayer Room
at the back of the Sanctuary.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher	Rev. Dr. John F. Ross
Liturgists	Rev. Rustin Comer, Rev. Danielle Jones, Rev. S. Lindy Purdy
Music	Chancel Choir Adam Reinwald (Interim Director of the Chancel Choir) Carolyn Diamond, Guest Organist Shirley Hogan
Deacon	Peggy Douglas & Jake Beard
Head Usher	The Mark Palmer Team
Usher Team	



OUR VISION

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus.

OUR MISSION

To be a caring community drawn together by God's grace
and called to personally live out Christ's love.

To actively extend a welcome invitation to all people,
embracing each other with uncompromising compassion.

To boldly challenge our own complacency through
courageous conversation and transformational worship.

To relentlessly share our extraordinary gifts through
life-changing mission and service-near and far.



The Worship of God

Wayzata Community Church

March 11, 2018 • 10:45 a.m. • Sanctuary

Welcome to Wayzata Community Church where lots of different people come together for the shared purpose of worshipping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired and uplifted by our worship service.

Families are embraced here. Your child is welcome to stay in worship or we have excellent, fun, faith learning for children pre-school through High School. A "cry room" is available for your comfort at the back of the Sanctuary.

- Early childhood go straight to classrooms before service
- K-5 begin in worship, leave with Jodie, pickup in the gym
- MS begin in worship, leave with Christa, pickup in MS room
- HS Pathways 10:15-11:45 in the Loft (3rd floor)

For help finding a room, please see an usher.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The whole assembly proclaims the Word by gathering for worship. Our gathering witnesses to neighbors, friends, and family that we live by rooted and radical allegiance to the One who created, redeemed, and sustains us.

+ Indicates an invitation to rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE Carolyn Diamond
Variations on *Foundation* arr. Anthony Giamanco
*Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid.*

COMMUNITY MOMENTS John Ross

+ CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+ LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Create in me a clean heart.

People: **Create in me a work of art.**

Leader: Create in me a miracle.

People: **Create in me something real and beautiful.**

+ OPENING HYMN

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim Blue #206



1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -
2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all- vic-to-rious, of
nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his
loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the
pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!
tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!
an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.
an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

+ PSALTER READING FOR LENT (Psalm 51) Rustin Comer

Leader: Let us come before God with humble hearts.

All: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (Silence)**

Leader: Let us declare our desire to our Creator God.

All: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

+ KYRIE

The congregation is invited to sing responsively.



+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rustin Comer

CALL TO OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Jodie Nyberg & Christa Workmon

THE WORD FOR THE DAY

The Word is always "Good News." Jesus encounters us, and is truly present, in the proclamation of the Word. Through spoken word and by participating in the liturgy, our congregation proclaims the Word of God.

HYMN OF DEVOTION

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Blue #335

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

Oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

SPECIAL MUSIC *If I Only Had The Nerve*

Rick Treece, Adam Thompson, Kai Brewster,
and Sydney Baumgartner

(Cowardly Lion, Tinman, Scarecrow, and Dorothy
from our GWCT Production *The Wizard Of Oz*)

SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 3:13-30 Mary Ann Mead

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Cowardly Lion: *Courage Under Fire*

John Ross

ANTHEM

Tebe Poem (Our Father)

Chancel Choir

Dimitri Bortniansky

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Danielle Jones

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All things come from God. With praise and thanksgiving we return to God that which has been shared. The entirety of worship, draws us into communion with Jesus. We give thanks for this time of unity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Children of the Heavenly Father Traditional Swedish Melody

arr. Robert Hogmundson

+ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ PRESENTATION & DEDICATION OF GIFTS Lindy Purdy

Leader: Please remain standing and join voices for the dedication of gifts and closing hymn.

All: **O God of our lives, let us be quick to offer our best, and to reach out with compassion and concern for all Your children. Bless the offering we bring today and every gift You have entrusted to us. May our resources be used that the world may know Your love. AMEN**