

LENTEN VESPERS
March 3, 2021

PRELUDE

Night Song

Craig Phillips

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of delights**

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart.**

HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

In quiet trust, in simple words, we enter a space for prayer.
As we confess our sins, both secret and public,
the door to God's heart is open, and we enter into grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.
We claim to follow Jesus
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be disciples,
but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.
We affirm the virtue of self-denial,
but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for sincere repentance
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:
God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus
has been raised from the dead for our salvation.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven. Amen.

THE PSALTER 64

I Long for Your Commandments

WOHL DENEN, DIE DA WANDELN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:31-39

MEDITATION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Wondrous Love

John Weaver

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLESSING

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Disciples of Jesus,
do not shun the way of the cross,
but follow wherever our Lord may lead.
May the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
uphold you on the way. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts

arr. Ron Kerber

WORSHIP SERVICE MUSICIANS

Ron Kerber, saxophone
Siddhartha Misra, tenor
Edward Landin Senn, organ