**Order of Worship**

**February 18, 2024:** *First Sunday of Lent*

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who are sad and long for comfort;

to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;

to all who are strangers and want friendship; to all who hunger and thirst for something real and lasting; and to all who come here, this church opens wide her doors

and offers welcome to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Prelude** (*Please silence cell phones at this time*)

**Opening Song**\* (*please stand if you are able*)  **“10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord”**

**Welcome and Greeting**\*

**Call to Worship *Elder Roy Palk, Liturgist***

Liturgist: O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

**People: Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession Pastor Dustin**

 A**LL: Lord, you are a God who keeps promises. In our prayers and songs we say that we want to be Christians, but then we forget our promises. Our actions do not match up with our words. We say mean things to other people, we hurt their feelings, we think of ourselves first, and, worst of all, we ignore you. Lord, forgive us and hear our prayer for Jesus’ sake. Lord, hear our prayers.**

 **(*A time for private confession and thanksgiving*)**

**CHOIR: “Heaven’s Love Medley”**

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel *Eileen Herring, Liturgist***

*(Psalm 145:13-14)*

Liturgist: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Congregational Singing** #139 “**Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**Teaching Moment** “Upside Down and Inside Out”

**Pastoral Prayer and 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.***

**Call for Offering**

**Offertory Song: #534 “Learning to Lean” *arr. by Ken Gallo***

**Offertory Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Closing Song #426 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”**

**Announcements**

 **-New Members Class March 10: *Regular and Associate Memberships***

**Benediction**

**Postlude**