

# MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

What Did The Disciples Give Up For Lent?

6:30 PM – Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG

“Above All”

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**Above all powers, above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here, before the world began**

**Above all kingdoms, above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure what you're worth**

**Crucified, laid behind a stone  
You lived to die, rejected and alone  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me Above all**

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Without a Savior, sin marks us.  
We can't wash it away or erase what nailed our Savior to a tree.

**C** **but we are made new through Christ on the cross.**

**P** Isaiah writes, “But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities...”

**C** **the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.”**

**P** Here's the good news. Jesus changed everything, for us.  
He lived, died and rose again, to take away our sins.  
You are forgiven, in Jesus' name!

**C** Amen.

## **SONG**

“Only By the Blood of the Lamb”

Only by the blood of the Lamb,  
Only by the blood of the Lamb,  
We've overcome, in His grace we now stand,  
Only by the blood of the Lamb.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 18:15-27*

Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

“You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?” she asked Peter.

He replied, “I am not.”

It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

“I have spoken openly to the world,” Jesus replied. “I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said.”

When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded.

“If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?” Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?”

He denied it, saying, “I am not.”

One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.


**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.


### SERMON HYMN #575

### “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”


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1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I




blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

## SERMON

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Peter – I gave up Looking for Everyone’s Approval Lent.

## OFFERING HYMN #783

## “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



- Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE EVENING

**P** Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

**C** Have mercy and hear us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,...

**P** Let us pray,

**C** Stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord,  
and come that by your protection we may be rescued  
from the threatening perils of our sins  
and be saved by your mighty deliverance;  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**P** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ your dear Son,  
that you have this day so graciously protected us.

We beg you to forgive us all our sins  
and the wrong which we have done.

By your great mercy defend us from all our perils  
and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend  
our bodies and souls and all that is ours.

Let your holy angels have charge of us  
that the wicked one have no power over us.

**C** Amen

## THE BLESSING

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN #878:1-2;5-6

“Abide With Me”

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!  
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## POSTLUDE

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