

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Roginski

PRELUDE

“The Solid Rock”

Organ

William Bradbury

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Roginski

Praise be to the Lord,
for he has heard my cry for mercy.

**The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.**

My heart leaps for joy,
and with my song I praise him.

**The Lord is the strength of his people,
a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.**

—from Psalm 28:6-8 (NIV)

INVOCATION

Rev. Don Meekhof

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE”

(Hymn #514)

(VERSE 1)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

(VERSE 2)

Perfect submission, perfect delight;
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above,
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

(VERSE 3)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

“HE’S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD”

(Hymn 518)

(VERSE 1)

He’s got the whole world in his hands, (x3)
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

(VERSE 2)

He’s got the wind and the rain in his hands, (x3)
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

(VERSE 3)

He’s got the tiny little baby in his hands (x3)
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

(VERSE 4)

He’s got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he’s got you and me, sister, in his hands,
he’s got everybody here in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

TIME OF PRAYER

Dennis Roginski

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Call to Confession

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven,
who no longer suffer in silence,
but name their sin and seek God's grace.
Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God,
you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give us life.
You know our nakedness,
and you know our sin.**

**We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness**

**Have mercy on us, we pray:
cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life,
and re-create us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven!
Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Tom Tlffany

Invitation to the Offering

As God so freely offers us
the gift of life in Jesus Christ,
let us respond with gratitude,
offering our lives to God.

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for the free and abundant gift of grace
you have given us in Jesus Christ.
Let the simple gifts of our lives
be a sign of our unending gratitude
for your undying love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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*Please be seated. The ushers will pass the offering plates.
The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.*

Offertory

Organ

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

The Sacred Harp, 1884

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

"THE SOLID ROCK"

(Hymn #517)

(VERSE 1)

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(REFRAIN)

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

(VERSE 2)

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

(REPEAT REFRAIN)

(VERSE 3)

His oath, his covenant, his blood

support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way
he then is all my hope and stay.

(REPEAT REFRAIN)

(VERSE 4)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

(REPEAT REFRAIN)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Pat Tucker

Matthew 7:24–29 (NIV)

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Romans 5:1–5 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s

love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

MESSAGE

Rev. Don Meekhof

“Standing on the Solid Rock”

Sermon Text: Each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. — 1 Corinthians 3:10b–11 (NIV)

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“BE THOU MY VISION”

(Hymn #532)

(VERSE 1)

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

(VERSE 2)

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

(VERSE 3)

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

SHARING AROUND CHRIST'S TABLE—COMMUNION

Rev. Don Meekhof

Christ becomes a part of our flesh through Holy Communion.

The Lord's Supper is not an end in itself. It always points beyond itself to celebrate God's grace and covenant faithfulness. This does not mean the physical aspects of the celebration are incidental or unimportant. The Lord's Supper should be a celebration fitting to the abundant grace of God offered in Christ.

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup
Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ**

***CLOSING SONG**

It is the custom at Knox, in celebration of Holy Communion, to hold hands and form a circle around the sanctuary to sing our closing song...

"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"

(Hymn #708)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Don Meekhof

POSTLUDE

"Little Scherzo in A Minor"

Organ

Rex Koury

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In the pulpit today: Don Meekhof is our "*Temporary Stated Supply*" pastor. Those words in quotes are the official title given by Presbytery because with Shared Ministry there is no full-time pastor. However, Don most definitely has a full-time love for shepherding the flock of Christ and we are blessed to have him with us!