



MORNING WORSHIP

March 21, 2009

9:30 AM

Approaching God

WELCOME

Dr. Alan Landes

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Depth of Mercy

V. Johnson

Chancel Choir, Merv Snider, directing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Handkins

Leader: We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

People: We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love.

Leader: Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise.

People: We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Hymnal, No. 16

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Debbie Handkins

Children: May the Lord bless you as you worship him...

People: and may the Lord bless you as you learn to follow him.

Confessing Sin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, we are assured in Your Word that "judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful."

People: As we forgive others when they sin against us, we ask you to forgive us as well.

Leader: For in the same way we judge others, we will be judged, and with the measure we use, it will be measured to us.

People: So, Lord, right now we release into your hands those who have done us wrong. We open the door of the debtor's prison in which we have held them and set them free.

Leader: And we ask in Jesus' name, that you will set us free from the torment of bitterness and unforgiveness.

People: Lord, help us to walk away in freedom and never look back.

SILENT CONFESSION *(Use this time for your personal confession as the Holy Spirit leads you.)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Live as one who has been forgiven! Walk with joy knowing your debts are paid. Know your name is clear before your Father; know you are his child, and do not be afraid.

People: Thanks be to God for his gift of grace through Jesus Christ!

*SHARING THE LOVE AND PEACE OF CHRIST

Telling Truth

Matthew 18:21-35

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

The Lord's Prayer: Forgive our Debts

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Responding to God

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

(Please pass the Fellowship Pad to record your presence with us.)

Youth Video

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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Going into the World

*SONG OF RESPONSE

I Then Shall Live

Hymnal, No. 507

*CHARGE & BLESSING

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*POSTLUDE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Teri McKibben

David Cherwein

**Congregation standing for those who are able*