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Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Peter Sokolich, Lay Reader

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

*Gathering Song Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love 203

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)

*Call to Confession

Living Christ, with you we journey to the cross, but we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we don't want to abandon the comforts of life we know. You call us to life in community, but we cling to "me and mine." You offer the grace of

^{*}Prayer of Confession

abundant life, especially when our efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was; that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Anthem My Savior and My God

Scripture John 12:20-33 See Insert

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Message Befriending Death Rev. Edward Dunn

*Responding Song O Jesus, I Have Promised O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.

And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Prayers of the People

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

Receiving our Offering

Offertory The Old Rugged Cross Mary Morse and Eric Arvidson

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Song Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

*Blessing Postlude