

WELCOME

*HYMN #76

My Song is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*SILENT CONFESSION AND RESPONSE

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p. 735, Old Testament)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: John 12:20-33 (p. 106, New Testament)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN #520

Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face

MORECAMBE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(see insert)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For your church around the world, **we ask new life.**
For all who carry out ministries in your church, **we ask grace and wisdom.**
For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines, **we ask inspired discipleship.**
For Christians of every land, **we ask new unity in your name.**
For people of every faith, **we ask your blessing and our mutual forbearance.**
For those who cannot believe, **we ask your faithful love.**
For leaders and those in power in every place, **we ask your guidance.**
For people who suffer and sorrow, **we ask your healing peace.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Before the Crucifix
Noel Edwards, tenor

F. La Forge

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...
...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets,
apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever
sing to the glory of your name.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, O God of Majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honor are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. We invite you to partake in Communion by intinction, that, receiving the bread, dipping it in the cup, and eating. Anyone who does not wish to partake is invited to approach the table with hand(s) over their heart, signaling desire for a word of blessing. During Communion, you are invited to join in singing Hymn #513, Let Us Break Bread Together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator of all, just as broken bread was first scattered upon the hills, then was gathered and became one, so have you gathered your church from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Savior of all, just as seeds buried in the soil bring forth much fruit, send us forth to participate in your life-giving, your greening, your work of making the world new. We pray in the name of the one who calls us and the one who feeds us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SENDING

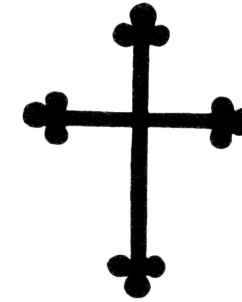
*HYMN #85

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



ORDER OF WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2018

Presbyterian Church in Needham

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER