

# The Order for Worship and Celebration

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Handbell Choir Appreciation Sunday

March 25, 2012

10:00 a.m.

## SILENT REFLECTION

*“Yet there lingers also the hope, the already-and-not-yet promise, that the days are surely coming when even the cross gives way to life.”* Richard Floyd

## Preparing for God’s Word

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP      One Great Hour of Sharing      Elder Bob Cutsforth

MINUTE FOR MISSION      Food Bank Drive      Elder Marsha Platt

PRELUDE      *“Trumpet Tune in D Major”*      Henry Purcell, arr. Hal H. Hopson  
Celebration Ringers

## Gathering Around God’s Word

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God. The day is here to affirm a new covenant.

**People:** *We call on God’s steadfast love and mercy. We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.*

Leader: God’s law will be written on our hearts. Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

**People:** *We are eager to know the God who loves us. We are ready to learn God’s intention for us.*

Leader: God offers us the joy of salvation. Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

**People:** *We are open to the new and right spirit God offers. We seek guidance for our daily living.*

### \*OPENING HYMN

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*      #466, Hymnal

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. We are confused in the clutter of our abandoned dreams and tattered faith, worn out by our efforts to improve the world, cramped by responsibilities, and lost in an ocean of time. We know more of our transgressions than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. By our actions and our neglect, we have forgotten your presence and ignored your will. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. Amen.*

*(Moment for silent reflection)*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive)

Leader: Hear the Good news! God is making all things new.

**People:** *In Christ, we are forgiven and promised new life. Amen.*

## RESPONSE

*“Doxology”*      Donald Marsh, arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz  
Celebration Ringers, David Kabel-singer

*The children and youth should remain seated with their parents throughout the worship service.*

## PASSING THE PEACE    Please greet those around you

## Hearing God’s Word

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 12:20-26

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Passion Suite”*  
Celebration Ringers, Rev. Amy Wiles-narrator

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

## SERMON

*“Hope in an Extraordinary Promise”*  
Rev. Amy Wiles

## \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

*“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*  
Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5      #210, Hymnal

## Responding to God’s Word

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

## AMEN RESPONSE

*“Bell Amen”*  
Celebration Ringers, David Kabel-singer      Donald Marsh, arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory    *“Fanfare and Variations on Old 134th”*    L. Bourgeois, arr. Linda R. Lamb

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#592, Hymnal

**Going Out to Live God’s Word**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

#379, Hymnal

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

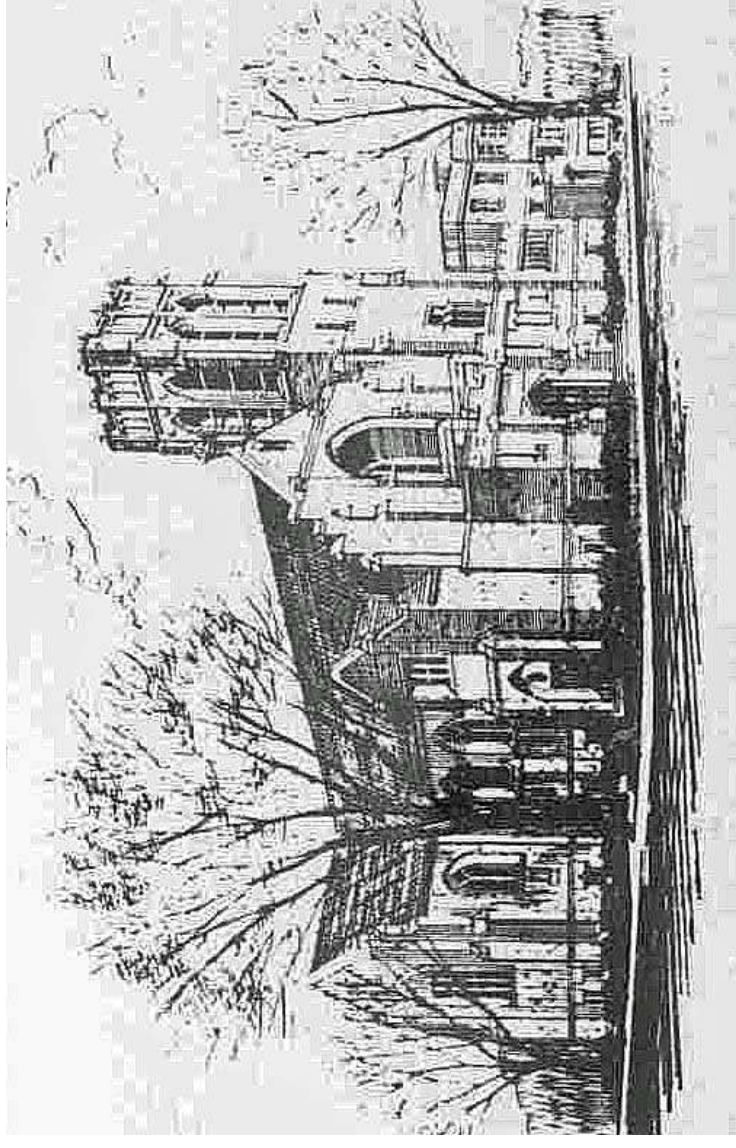
*“As We Leave”*    Donald Marsh, arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz  
Celebration Ringers, David Kabel-singer

POSTLUDE

*“We Are the Church”*    Donald Marsh, arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz  
Celebration Ringers, David Kabel-singer

*\*All those who are able may stand*

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