



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Worship Leader

Cliff Highnam

Children's Message

Brandyn Miller

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Senior Pastor

Brandyn Miller

Musicians

Steve Peters & Clare Hanson

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude *Just As I am, without one plea* - setting Aaron David Miller Steve Peters

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements Brandyn Miller

***Call to Worship** Brandyn Miller

One: Let us gather together, hungry and thirsty. Come, all who long to be filled with good things.

All: The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

One: Let us open our hands to receive from God's son, our brother and friend.

All: The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

One: Let us quiet our minds and awaken our hearts to be transformed by God's Spirit, who redeems us.

All: The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

***Opening Hymn** *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* #18 (NCH - Black)

***Opening Prayer** Cliff Highnam

One: Holy God, throughout history you have fed people in body, mind, and spirit. As we gather in worship today, we rest in the knowledge that you continue to care for us. We come into this space with complicated lives, different needs, and unique situations. You know all of our longings, and you look at us with compassion and love.

All: Because we know the bread of life, Jesus, is the sustaining source of hope, we lean into this hour of worship with expectancy and faith. You have provided for our needs from the beginning, and you will meet us once again today. Amen.

***Call and Prayer of Confession** Brandyn Miller

One: Because we live in a world with both hunger and unnecessary waste, let us confess our sins and seek a new path of righteousness.

All: Holy God, even though we choose to follow Jesus, live his way, and share in the bread of life, we confess we have overlooked the hungry in our midst. We confess it is easier to avoid people and places that demand our attention and resources, and go about our days turning our eyes from those in need. But Jesus shows us a different way—a way of sharing, a way of justice. Forgive us for the times we have looked away from those who are hungry and their needs for food, clothing, friendship, or anything else. Forgive us for neglecting our neighbors and our community. Help us be faithful to this calling. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon		Brandyn Miller
Paul writes, "There is no one who is righteous, not even one." Yet in Christ, we are forgiven, justified, and transformed to carry on in the way of love and justice. Savor the good news of this pardon and be at peace. Amen.		
Choral Anthem		Chancel Choir
Invitation to Offertory		Cliff Highnam
Offertory	<i>Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days</i> - Traditional	Clare Hanson
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Cliff Highnam
Children's Message		Brandyn Miller
Scripture Reading	John 6:25-40	Cliff Highnam
Leader: This is the word of the Lord		
All: Thanks be to God!		
Sermon	<i>"Bread of Life"</i>	Brandyn Miller
*Song of Reflection	<i>Bread of Life</i>	(See Screen)
Affirmation of Faith		Cliff Highnam
All: We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life. Born to live among us, suffering every human frailty, even unto death. Empowered not to rule with force but by invitation; not with a sword, but by sacrifice. Filled with compassion, always caring about the physical needs of the people. Rejecting earthly fortune, meeting daily needs, turning no one away. Jesus turned bread lines into feasts, welcoming everyone to the table. Jesus gave freely to all in need, even when they gave nothing in return. We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life. Amen.		
Joys & Concerns		Cliff Highnam
Leader: Lord, in your mercy		
People: Hear our prayer		
Prayers of the People		Brandyn Miller
One: God, our provider and bread of life, you called us not to work only for food that spoils but also for food that endures through eternal life. You sent Jesus to satisfy the deepest needs of all creation, so we turn our attention to the bread that endures and the work we can do in the name of Christ.		
All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.		
One: Today, we let go of our longing for convenience and momentary pleasure, and focus on matters closest to your heart instead.		
All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.		

One: We remember those suffering in mind and body, praying you would comfort them.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We remember those who need everyday necessities, praying you would equip us to meet our neighbors' needs.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We remember those bearing the weight of servant leadership, praying their strength might be renewed.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We remember children because they are first in your kingdom and often last in our minds. Center our attention on their needs and well-being.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We remember our older adults because we honor their experience and value their participation. Help us become good faith-companions to our elders.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: Take these earnest requests into your heart and show us how to live more faithfully every day. In the name of Christ, our bread of life, we pray.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Brandyn Miller

You may use the words most familiar to you.

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Parting Hymn**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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***Benediction**

Brandyn Miller

Carrying Out the Light of Christ

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory - setting, Walter Pelz

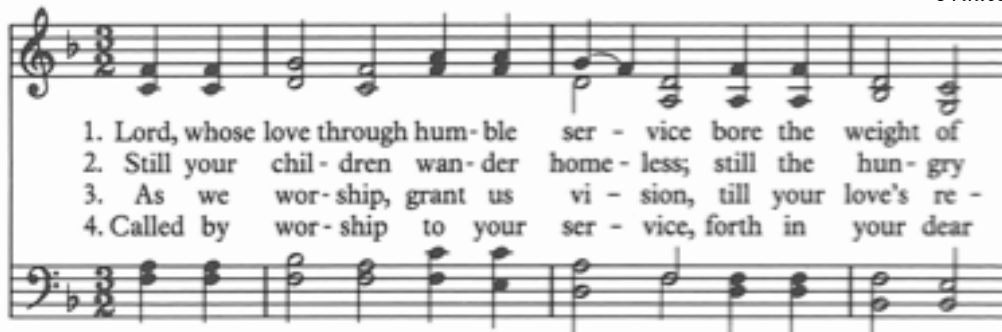
Steve Peters

*As the postlude begins, you are invited to depart in peace.
The music continues as a blessing for those who wish to remain in reflection.*

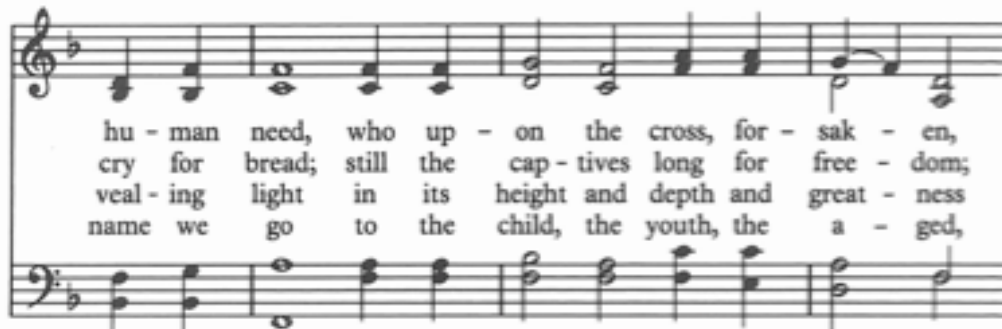
** Please Rise in body or spirit*

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

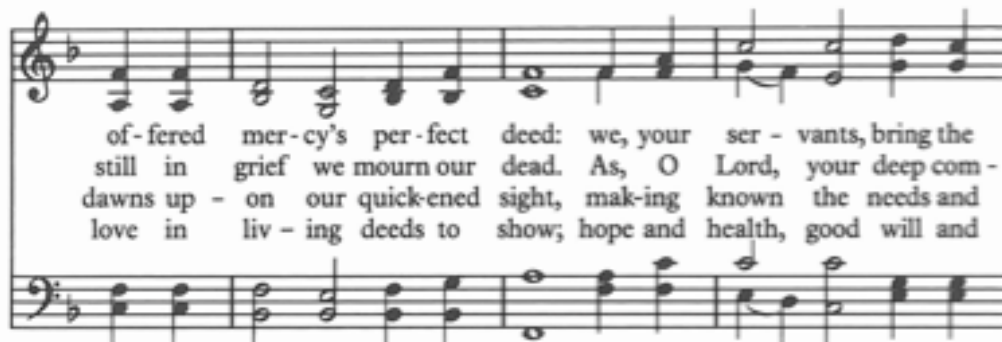
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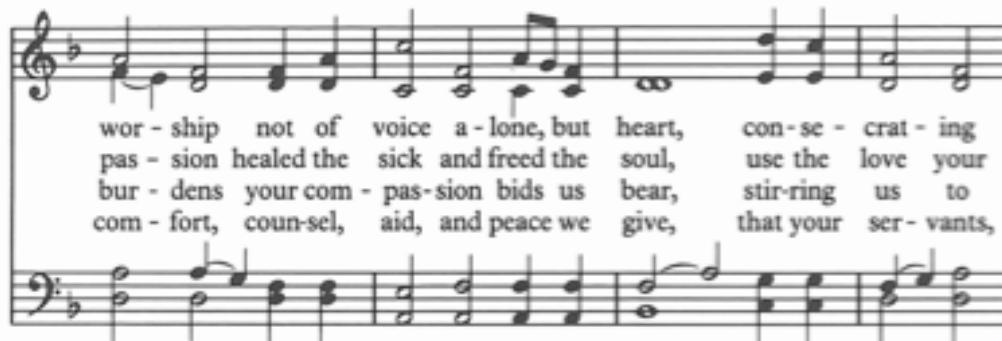
1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-
4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear



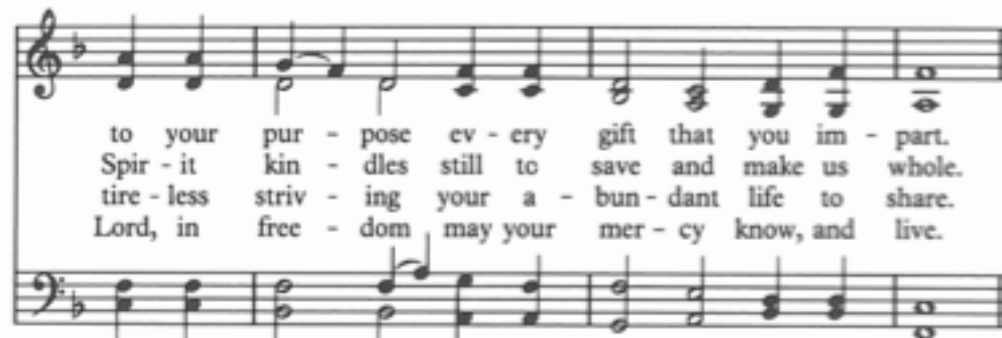
hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness
name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,



of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the
still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and
love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and



wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing
pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to
com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,



to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.
Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.
tire-less striv-ing your a-bun-dant life to share.
Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.