

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup. May this meal be for us a sign of your gracious mercy, forgiveness of our sins and promise of salvation.

**To you be all praise and glory, Holy God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP  
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*(Please come forward using the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and receive the gifts of God; return to your pew using the center aisle.)*

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING ~ #2036

"Give Thanks"

CHARGE AND BENEDICATION

CHORAL RESPONSE        **"Sanctuary"**  
**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,**  
**Pure and holy, tried and true.**  
**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,**  
**Sanctuary for you.**

POSTLUDE

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This week we will gather on Thursday night at 6:30pm, first for supper, and then at 7:15pm in the sanctuary for our Maundy Thursday Evening Worship Service. Please join us. The Symbols of Lent: The Loaf and Cup

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### *The Symbols of Lent ~ The Crown and Nails*





7:15 PM



Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family!  
The \* symbol means, "All who are able, please stand."

**Mid-week Lenten Service**

PRELUDE

CENTERING PRAYER  
CALL TO AWARENESS

We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.  
**We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.**  
We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.  
**Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love. Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRESENTATION ~ #2064 "O Lord, You're Beautiful"

CALL TO CONFESSION  
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In Christ you came among us, O God, not to condemn but to seek and to save that which was lost.**  
**In Christ, you called us, not because we were righteous, but because we were in need of a Savior.**  
**In Christ, you have shown us the truth about you and ourselves.**  
**Forgive us, O God, and renew in us a clean heart and a right spirit. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION #322 (Please remain seated) "Spirit of the Living God"

FIRST READING **Psalm 61, 62, 63** (Assorted Verses)

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING **Mark 15** (Assorted Verses)  
REFLECTION ~ **The Symbols of Lent ~ The Crown and Our Crown**

\*HYMN OF FAITH # 101 (Verses 1,3) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

THIRD READING John 20 (Assorted Verses)  
REFLECTION ~ **The Symbols of Lent ~ The Nails and Our Hammer**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN ~ #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION  
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God. You created us to live in communion with you, yet we turned away. You spoke through your prophet Joel saying: Return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful, slow to anger and a bounding in steadfast love.

**We come tonight, knowing our failings but trusting in your steadfast mercies.**  
Thanks be to you, Holy God, for steadfast mercy. You are holy and blessed is your child Jesus Christ. Your Spirit flowed through his life as he became the bridge for our reconciliation. In this season of Lent we remember his life and work.

**We remember your gift of Baptism. We reflect on the mystery of the cross. We dare to ponder the resurrection.**  
On his final evening with his disciples, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper Jesus did the same with the cup, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." In remembrance of these your mighty acts on our behalf, we bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**