

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
February 7, 2010—10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE *In The King's Hall* E. Grieg

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth
The Carol Choir, Tracey Book, director

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

CALL TOWORSHHIP

Leader: Let us worship God whose help is never failing.

People: Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

Leader: God will keep us safe from all evil, and be with us from this time on.

People: God is our keeper and shades us from all that shall harm us.

Leader: We open our eyes to see God who knows all about us and holds us forever.

People: Let us worship this God of all creation.

+*HYMN 467 *How Great Thou Art* O Store Gud

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ADORATION

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Great God who beckons us to move beyond where we are, we confess that we are afraid. You who called Abraham to journey to an unknown place call us to venture in unknown ways. Yet we turn away from your call because it is an inconvenience or we are unsure of where it is you call us. You promise us new life in you and yet we are not firm in our conviction that you are our living God. We have not trusted you enough. We have been fearful of changes you call us to make. Forgive us our lack of faith and give us courage as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 579

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

♥ (Children are invited to hear God's word in their classes.)

ANTHEM *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*
arranged by L. Beery
The Youth Choir, Brian Potts, director

Chorus

**Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
And the walls come a-tumblin' down**

You can talk about the men of Gideon
You can talk about the men of Saul
But there's none like good ol' Joshua
At the battle of Jericho

Chorus

Up to the walls of Jericho he marched with spear in hand
Go blow your ram horns, Joshua cried
Cause the battle is in my hands!

Chorus

Then the lamb-ram sheephorns began to blow
The trumpets began to sound
Joshua commanded the children to shout!
And the walls come a-tumblin' down

Chorus

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 13:1-13 NRSV

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

OFFERTORY *The Ash Grove* Anna Laura Page
The Handbell Choir, Brandon Dean, director

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON *A Community of Prodigal Lovers*
Rev. Thomas D. York

*HYMN 335 *Though I May Speak* O Waly Waly

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (page 16, Blue Hymnal)

*HYMN 426 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* Canonbury

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Postlude* A. Ridout

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*Please stand as you are able. + Latecomers may be seated.

During the tolling of the carillon we invite you to remember all who work for peace in our world today.

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