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Here is the order of service for Feb. 16 if you have any questions let me know. Do you have a CCLI license number for these songs or do you need ours?

Pam Werrell

Order of Service

Welcome

Opening Hymn – Come Let Us Worship God – (Is there a cantor who can do the first part of the song? Otherwise I can do it and have the congregation do the response. Music is in the attachment – opens in quicktime)

Come, Let Us Worship God

[A leader may sing the words in parentheses]

- 1 (Come, let us worship God.) Come, let us worship God.
(Come, let us worship God.) Come, let us worship God.
(Welcome ev'ryone.) Welcome ev'ryone.
(To the love of God.) To the love of God.
- 2 (Rest for the weary.) Rest for the weary.
(Rest for the weary.) Rest for the weary.
(Welcome ev'ryone.) Welcome ev'ryone.
(To the love of God.) To the love of God.
- 3 (Food for the hungry.) Food for the hungry.
(Food for the hungry.) Food for the hungry.
(Welcome ev'ryone.) Welcome ev'ryone.
(To the love of God.) To the love of God.
- 4 (Hope for the children.) Hope for the children.
(Hope for the children.) Hope for the children.
(Welcome ev'ryone.) Welcome ev'ryone.
(To the love of God.) To the love of God.

Text: Ray Makeever
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**Greeting
Litany**

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
that the light of your face may shine on us.
May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

Prayer of the day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lesson Genesis 12:1–4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose--that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
²**My help comes from the LORD,**
the maker of heaven and earth.
³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel**
will neither slumber nor sleep;
⁵the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike you by day,**
nor the moon by night.
⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,**
from this time forth forevermore.

GOSPEL: John 3:1–17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from

above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

HYMN Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer LBW 343

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
 pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but you are mighty;
 hold me with your pow'rful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 feed me now and evermore,
 feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
 where the healing waters flow;
 let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
 shield me with your mighty arm,
 shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side.
 Songs and praises, songs and praises,
 I will raise forevermore,
 I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

PRAYERS

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation,
for abundant harvests that all may share,
and for peaceful times,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government,
and those who protect us;
for those who work to bring peace, justice,
healing, and protection in this and every place,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel,
for those who are sick and suffering,
and for those who are in captivity,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance
in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For (*names and*) all servants of the church,
for this assembly, and for all people
who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest,
rejoicing in the communion of (*names and*) all the saints,
we commend ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to you,
through Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

O God,
you have called your servants to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,

not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

Offering

Words of Institution

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.**

Distribution

Blessing and Benediction

Closing Hymn – Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 angels descending bring from above
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 watching and waiting, looking above,

filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord
Thanks be to God