



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP - 9:30AM - 10:30AM

February 28, 2016

The Worship of God: A Celebration of FORGIVENESS

Acts of Gathering in God's Grace

Welcome

*Gathering Song "Come, Now is the Time for Worship" The Guitar Group

* Responsive call to worship

One: Let all who would be faithful lift up prayers,

Many: May all who are in Christ give thanks.

One: This is a day of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Many: Celebrate God's love for the lost who are found.

One: We will be glad and join in the movement of life,

Many: With an upright heart, we rejoice and sing!

*Hymn "Just as I Am" No. 207 NCH

*Prayer of Presence: (*unison*)

Holy God, Parent of Creation,

Forgive us for not seeing through Your eyes,

for not serving through Your hands,

for not walking together with Your feet.

Help us to see the beautiful prism of life

reflected in Your light.

In the name of Christ,

who came into this world

to become our brother, we pray.

Amen

A Reading from Scripture: Luke 15: 1-3 Page 78 NT

Time with Youth:

Prayer

Acts of Giving and Receiving

Offertory: "Welcome Back" by Eliza Gilkyson
The Guitar Group

*Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Thank you, O God, for a life filled with so many gifts. Thank You now, for the privilege of sharing so that others may know your welcoming embrace. Amen.

Sung Response: "Turn My Heart O Lord"

Acts of Confession

*A Creed of Christianity for the Day:

*One : We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**Many: We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Acts of Proclaiming God's Word

A Reading from Scripture:

Luke 15: 11-32

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Anthem

"I Have Made Mistakes"
Tana VanSlyke & Ann Hagaman

by The Oh Hellos

Sermon and Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior:

*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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*Hymn

"O God, How We Have Wandered"

No. 202 NCH

*Benediction

Sung Response:

"Fill My Cup"

*Fill my cup and let it overflow, Fill my cup and let it overflow.
Fill my cup up and let overflow, let it overflow with love. (sing along and clap)*

***WE STAND AS WE ARE COMFORTABLY ABLE**