



First Congregational
United Church of Christ

Crete, NE

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Extending the reach of Christ!

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

March 6, 2016

The Worship of God: A Celebration of Prayer

Acts of Gathering in God's Grace

Prelude

"Amazing Grace"
Youth Ringers

arr. Berry/Van Valey

Welcome

*Gathering Song

"Holy is the Lord"
The Little Sisters in Christ

Green

* Responsive call to worship

One: We are making our way toward increased faith in this time of Lent.

Many: Any wisdom we gain comes from the One who meets us here.

One: God takes us by the hand to lead us and guide us.

Many: We lift our hearts and prayers to God as we journey in faith.

One: We will walk with new understandings of truth.

Many: Surely God goes with us in all our sojourns. Let us worship God.

*Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

No. 640 Cel

*Prayer of Presence: (*unison*)

Ever listening God, always more ready to hear us

than we are prepared to talk with You, meet us where we are.

Remind us that You are never beyond our call to You.

On this day, find us faithful and always in need of prayer.

Amen

A Reading from Scripture:

Luke 18: 1-8

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Time with Youth:

Prayer

Acts of Giving and Receiving

Offertory:

"What Wondrous Love"
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*Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Thank you for this privilege of sharing with others, so that more may be found in You.
Bless the gifts that we offer and share to the deepening of our trust in You. Amen.**

Sung Response: "Turn My Heart O God"

Acts of Confession

*A Creed of Christianity for the Day:

*One: Let us adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

**Many: Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.**

**But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.**

**When he found himself in the form of a human,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all names,
so that at the name of Jesus
everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth
might bow and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.** *Philippians 2: 5-11 CEB*

Acts of Proclaiming God's Word

A Reading from Scripture: Luke 18: 9-14

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Anthem "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"
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Towend

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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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*Benediction

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