

# KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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6:30 PM

### LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

#### PRELUDE

*(rise in body or spirit)*

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.
- C** Amen.
- P** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

- P** God, our rock and refuge,
- C** we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.
- P** Hear this flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

**3 Divine eternal lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for land of promise  
where milk and honey flow,  
but waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.**

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Mysterious One,

**C** in Jesus you redeem us and invite all people to a place in your glory. Draw us closer to you, and in so doing, draw us closer to one another, that we may be strengthened to follow in the way of Jesus' cross and resurrection. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

### GOSPEL

**Mark 10:32-45**

**T**hey were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; <sup>34</sup>they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

## HOMILY

Pastor Duminy

(rise in body or spirit)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Abide with Me*

ELW 629 vs. 1-3

- 1 **Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**
- 2 **Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**
- 3 **I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response:   **P** God of mercy,  
                  **C** hold us in love.

## THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

*We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or place your offering in the plates that are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary. For those of you watching through our media outlets, if you are able, please mail in your offering or donate online. Thank you!*



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C** **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

**P** The creator who fashions us together with all things,  
the Christ who leads us into a new beloved community,  
the Spirit who holds us in the communion of saints,  
one God, † bless you now and always.

**G** Amen.

## HYMN

*Now It Is Evening*

ELW 572

*(Sung to the tune of Morning Has Broken ELW 556)*

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| <p><b>1</b> Now it is evening: lights of the city<br/>bid us remember Christ is our light.<br/>Many are lonely, who will be neighbor?<br/>Where there is caring, Christ is our light.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Now it is evening: little ones sleeping<br/>bid us remember Christ is our peace.<br/>Some are neglected, who will be neighbor?<br/>Where there is caring, Christ is our peace.</p>       |
| <p><b>2</b> Now it is evening: food on the table<br/>bids us remember Christ is our life.<br/>Many are hungry, who will be neighbor?<br/>Where there is sharing, Christ is our life.</p>  | <p><b>4</b> Now it is evening: here in our meeting<br/>may we remember Christ is our friend.<br/>Some may be strangers, who will be neighbor?<br/>Where there's a welcome, Christ is our friend.</p> |

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*(sit)*

## DISMISSAL

- P** All are welcome to come forward and light a candle.  
You may kneel for prayer at the railing, pray at your seat, or pray at the foot of the cross.  
When you go, go in peace, joined together in Christ.
- G** Thanks be to God.

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*You may also come forward to pray with a Pastor.*

*Depart in Silence*

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