

Participating in Worship Today

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| Guest Pianist: | Steve Slack |
| Song Leaders: | Steve & Kelly Brumm |
| Greeter: | Kate Franzman |
| Ushers: | Phil Leavenworth & |
| Reader: | Barbara Schmidt |
| Audio Tech: | Alan Ferguson |
| Communion Bread: | Aimee Gauger |
| Serving Communion: | Margy Murray & Steve Gauger |
| Dishwashers: | Phil Leavenworth Lorna Brookins & |
| Director of Youth Ministry: | Mary Penninga |
| Ministers: | All the people |
| Pastor: | Brad Brookins |

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin 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.

Amen

everything is holy
nothing is for sale

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1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

Greeting

Into Silence *God saw everything that had been made, and indeed
it was very good. Genesis 1.31*

Prelude

1st Song *The Garden Song*

*** 2nd Song** *This Land is Your Land*

* Prayer:

Creating God, even today, as so much is being destroyed and so much is being lost, remind us to love. Break open our hearts for every thing you have made and given into our care — every person, plant and animal; the the soil, water and air on which all life depends. Through these broken open hearts, may your will be done by us on earth as it is by you in heaven; and may the destruction of your Creation cease. Before it is too late, make us instruments of your peace in this world you love, we pray. Amen

*** Assurance** From Psalm 103

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...*

Thanks be to God!

* ...And so we sing!

*Breathe on me breath of God; fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.*

Story Box

What's Happening!

Offering *Lament 1 — 2018* Brad Brookins

*she is crying;
tears of ancient ice
fill the sea with sorrow —
the children will never know...*

Offertory

* Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Generous God, for the abundance of your gift, that makes giving possible; for the abundance of your kindness that makes grace possible; for the abundance of your love, that makes loving possible we give you thanks, in Jesus name. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading **Revelation 11. 15-18**

3rd Song *This Is My Father's World*

2nd Scripture Reading **Mathew 6. 9-13**

Sermon

The Table of Our Lord

We are Invited *Come as You Are*

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Every Time I Hear the Spirit

*** Hymn** *God Bless the Air*

*** Benediction**
The love and affection of the angels be to you...

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Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:

Mary Lou Kollath recovering from an accident
Donna & Roger Stoll
Justine Schmid's grandson continuing cancer treatments
Kelly Brumm's sister, Penny, recovering from a heart attack

Serving in Worship on February 25, 2018

Greeter: Tom & Ruth Dobson
Ushers: Tom & Ruth Dobson
Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson
Reader: Margy Murray
Communion Bread: Alan Ferguson
Serving Communion: **Jeff Jenkins &**
Dishwashers: Margy Murray, Katie Zurbuchen **& &**

Mark your calendars—for the first *Mt Vernon Cloth Napkin Community Potluck*. February 22 at 5:30 pm in our fellowship hall. Why eat alone when you can join a crowd around a table full of good food. See Jeff Jenkins for details.

Our Simple Supper Bread, Soup and Conversation series begins on Wednesday, February 21st. Supper is at 6:00 with the discussion beginning around 6:30. This year we have a video series on the life of Paul and the early church by the acclaimed New Testament scholar John Dominic Crossan. The sign-up sheet for soups and breads will circulate again this Sunday. Do join in.

Ingelside Manor Volunteer opportunity; Saturday, March 17, 2 to 3 PM Do you have a favorite poem you'd like to recite, song you'd like to sing, or piece of music you'd like to play for the residents of Ingelside Manor in Mt Horeb. This is a forgiving and appreciative audience! All ages and abilities warmly welcome!! See Mary Penninga for details.

WAFFLE CHURCH! Because life is not always tidy and we are often hungry, you and your kids and grandkids should come to Waffle Church this Sunday from 5-6:30. Light a candle, journey with Abraham and Sarah and then eat the best home made waffles in town. See Mary Penninga if you have any questions.

Lament 1—2018

Brad Brookins

she is crying;
tears of ancient ice
fill the sea with sorrow—
the children will never know.
nothing is holy
everything is for sale

tear open her breast
steal the danger
she holds long hidden—
the children's future burns.
nothing is holy
everything is for sale

deep toxic greed
fractures her heart
lets go her trouble—
the children struggle to breathe.
nothing is holy
everything is for sale

metallic veins
pumping poison
over sacred waters—
the children thirst.
nothing is holy
everything is for sale

she is crying;
but warning tears
one day will cease—
the children will know
everything is holy
nothing is for sale

Got Bless the Air

God bless the air we breathe;
With us your breath inspire.
That we may love what we can't see;
And share your heart's desire.

God bless the rivers wide
And bless the falling snow.
May waters be forever fresh
and fountains ever flow.

God bless all living forms
That move upon the earth.
May we in love defend their lives
May we their place preserve.

God bless all growing things
That anchor in the soil.
Make us the stewards of their home;
And fruitful in our toil.

God bless all little ones
You place within our care
And may we make the morning safe
For children everywhere.

Lyrics by Brad Brookins

