

## Participating in Worship Today

Pianist:	Julie von Eschen
Guest Trumpeter:	Tristan Frank
Song Leaders:	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Denise Runyan
Ushers:	
Reader:	Margy Murray
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Communion Bread:	Aimee Gauger
Serving Communion:	Steve Gauger and Scott Holmstrom
Dishwashers:	
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 debts,*

*As we also have forgive our debtors.*

*And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.*

*Amen*

# “Where are you from...”

John 19

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 18, 2018

**Greeting**

**Into Silence**

**Prelude**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

**1<sup>st</sup> Song**

*My Song is Love Unknown*

**\* Prayer**

Sometimes we founder in a darkness not of our own making—"this world is too much with us" and we cannot see our way through. And sometimes we manage to make a mess of things all by ourselves—insisting on our rightness, failing to listen. But at *all* times, Generous God, we are held in your arms. So we give thanks for your kindness, your forgiveness and your grace. Keep us in your love. Guide us in your way, we pray. Amen.

**\* Assurance**

Here is the gospel—the good news: God loves this world; God has redeemed this world; God is re-making this world. In this *we* are being made whole, and for this we all say—

***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.*

**What's Happening!**

**Story Box**

**Offering**

**Resurrection**

Mary Ann Bernard

Long, long, long ago;  
Way before this winter's snow  
First fell upon these weathered fields...

**Offertory**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

**\* Response**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

The sun shines, the children smile, and spring is glimpsed in the darkness of this Lenten winter. Keep us focused on your grace and make us a reflection of your kindness we pray. Amen.

Tristan Frank, Trumpet      *Etude #2*

Theo Charlier

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**

**John 1. 1-4**

2<sup>nd</sup> Song                    *What Wondrous Love*

**John 19. 9**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

**Sermon**

**The Table of Our Lord**

We are Invited                    *This Table*

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

• Hymn                            *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

**\* Benediction**

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back;  
May the sun shine warm upon your land;  
May the snow fall soft upon your fields—  
and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.  
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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

## **Serving in Worship on March 25, 2018**

Greeter: Kate Franzman

Ushers: Jim & Karen Fletcher

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader: Barbara Schmidt

Communion Bread: Phil Leavenworth

Serving Communion: **Help Wanted**

Dishwashers: Daniel Leavenworth & Phil Leavenworth

We share a **Communion Meal together every Sunday** during the worship service. No matter who you are, where you come from or why you are here, you are welcome at the table. Please come.

**Please join us downstairs for our potluck Sunday Brunch** immediately following the worship service. Especially if you are visiting and even if you didn't bring any food, you are invited and welcome. Enjoy Mt Vernon's generous *Church 2.0*.

**Our Simple Supper Bread, Soup and Conversation** series continues on Wednesday, March 14. 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. Do join in.

## **From Mary Penninga:**

- Book Fair orders are due today! Please make checks out to the church. Twenty percent of book fair profits goes back to the church. Orders should arrive in time to be Easter gifts for kids or grand kids!
- Laundry Baskets to Easter Feast Baskets Miracle Project are due Sunday, March 25. Please leave your filled basket on a table in fellowship hall. The baskets look beautiful!
- Waffle Church Easter is tonight from 5 to 6:30! We love our waffles, we love our butter, but most of all we love each other. Come explore and celebrate the Easter story and let our waffle chefs make dinner tonight!

Thank you,  
Mary



If you would like to bring an Easter Lily or flower arrangement to church on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one and would like your memorial printed in the bulletin, please fill out the information below and drop it in the offering plate, hand it to Karen Fletcher or mail it no later than March 25th.

Thank you.

Type of flower given: \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Fletcher  
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*Resurrection*

*Mary Ann Bernard*

Long, long, long ago;  
Way before this winter's snow  
First fell upon these weathered fields;  
I used to sit and watch and feel  
And dream of how the spring would be;  
When, through the winter's stormy sea  
She'd raise her green and growing head,  
Her warmth would resurrect the dead.

Long before this winter's snow  
I dreamt of this day's sunny glow  
And thought somehow my pain would pass  
With winter's pain, and peace like grass  
Would simply grow. (But) The pain's not gone.  
It's still as cold and hard and long  
As lonely pain has ever been,  
It cuts so deep and fear within.

Long before this winter's snow  
I ran from pain, looked high and low  
For some fast way to get around  
Its hurt and cold. I'd have found,  
If I had looked at what was there,  
That things don't follow fast or fair.  
That life goes on, and times do change,  
And grass does grow despite life's pains.

Long before this winter's snow  
I thought that this day's sunny glow,  
The smiling children and growing things  
And flowers bright were brought by spring.  
Now—I know the sun does shine,  
That children smile, and from the dark, cold, grime  
A flower comes. It groans, yet sings,  
*And through its pain*, its peace begins.

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