The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude	
Prelude for	r Lent
What Wor	ndrous Love
Lenten Pre	eludeEric H. Thiman
My Shepho	erd Will Supply My Need American folk hymn arr. A. D. Miller
Introit	
"Gracious S	pirit, Dwell with Me" Mary Kay Parrish
Praise Goo praise Goo praise Goo	ng)
*Call to Wors	hip
Minister:	We gather around sacred stories
	not because they happened in the past,
	but because they make things present for us today.
People:	We were there!
Minister:	·····
	who poured out love for Jesus,
	we begin our Lenten journey
Deemler	by pouring out love for God. We are here!
People:	
Minister:	Let us enter the story and worship our God.
*Prayer of Pra	ise
*Hymn 401	"Here in This Place"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Litany for Lent

Minister: O Christ,

out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.

People: Save us, Lord.

Minister: O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

People: Save us, Lord.

Minister: O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

People: Save us, Lord.

Minister: O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints:

People: Save us, Lord.

Minister: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: have mercy on us.

Minister: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: have mercy on us.

Minister: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: grant us peace.

Minister: Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends*, *believe the good news*. People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

Listening for the Word

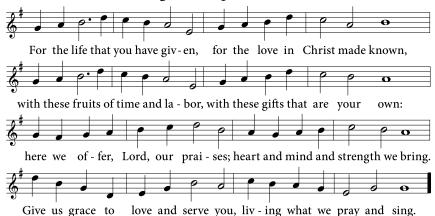
Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (responsively)	
Psalm 25:1–10	d Testament, page 475
*Gloria Patri (sung)	The Hymnal, 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.	
Scripture Lesson	
Mark 14:3–9	ew Testament, page 48
Sermon	
Extravagant Love	John W. Vest

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 201
 *Hymn 201
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (unison) 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.
Prayer Response "Amen"
Offering
Offertory Anthem "Agnus Dei"

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your extravagant love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Kathi Bates, Victoria G. Curtiss, John W. Vest

The Music Today

9:30	The Youth Choir; the Handbell Choir; the Morning Choir
	Laura Perkett, oboist; Beena David and Brett Potts, soloists
11:00	The Children's Choir; the Handbell Choir; the Morning Choir
	Laura Perkett, oboist; Beena David and Brett Potts, soloists
	John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
	Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
	Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth
	Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Worship Notes

JOIN US DURING LENT FOR "WE WERE THERE," a sermon series looking at the events of Holy Week through the eyes of biblical characters who were there. Each Sunday's lectern parament evokes the theme of that day.

Sunday, February 22	"Anointing Woman" (Mark 14:3–9)
Sunday, March 1	"Slave with Cut-off Ear" (Luke 22:39–53)
Sunday, March 8	"Peter" (Mark 14:28-38, 66-72)
Sunday, March 15	"High Priest Caiaphas" (Mark 14:53-65)
Sunday, March 22	"Judas" (Matthew 26:14–16, 47–50)
Palm Sunday, March 29	"The Crowd/The Mob" (Mark 11:1–11, 15:6–15)
Good Friday, April 3	"The Centurion" (Mark 15:33–39)
Easter Sunday, April 5	"The Women at the Tomb" (Mark 16:1-8)

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