

Welcome! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude

Chimes

Welcome & Sharing Our Service and Friendship Opportunities

*** Greeting One Another**

*** Song** *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!

My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven!

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer [using "trespasses"]

Glory to you, O God! May our voices be like a chorus of ten thousand angels singing praise to you, our Great Redeemer. Renew us in this faith, hope, and love that we have found through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray, "*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.*" Amen.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession [see screen]

Assurance of Pardon

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*** Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty and Ever -Gracious God, you are the source of every blessing, of life itself, and of life everlasting in Jesus Christ. Accept these tithes and offerings, the work of our hands, as a sign of our heartfelt thanks. Use them through our ministries here, and our church's wider mission throughout the world, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, as we pray this in his Holy Name. Amen.

A Time with the Children – *children are invited to join Dr. Havens on the steps at the front. Afterwards they may return to sit with their families or go to Faith Formation or the nursery.*

*** Song** *Before Your Cross* St. Christopher

Before your cross, O Jesus, our lives are judged today;
The meaning of our eager strife is tested by your way.

Across our restless living the light streams from your cross,
And by its clear, revealing beams we measure gain and loss.

The hopes that lead us onward, the fears that hold us back,
Our will to dare great things for God, the courage that we lack,
The faith we keep in goodness, our love, as low or pure,
On all, the judgment of the cross falls steady, clear, and sure.

Yet humbly, in our striving, we rise to face its test.
We crave the power to do your will as once you did it best.
On us let now the healing of your great Spirit fall,
And make us brave and full of joy to answer to your call.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Prayer Response

Scripture Lesson Luke 15:11-32 *NT page 78*

Choral Anthem

The Journey of a Witness to Hope, Faith, and Love

The Message "A Journey to Reunion" Dr. Havens

THEME: "LENT-JOURNEY OF HOPE, FAITH, AND LOVE"

*** Song** *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* St. Thomas

Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,
Enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on as others cares we heed,
An ever flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

So let us do justice too, show mercy and love that's true,
That we might do all God says to in faith our whole life through.

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** *Alleluia* [*joining hands*]

Postlude *ALL MUSIC LICENSED UNDER CCLI #639547*

*Those who are able, please stand.

WE BELIEVE GOD IS STILL SPEAKING, and we invite you to partner with us in the mission and ministry of Arlington Congregational Church. Speak with Dr. Havens to find out more!