



## MORNING WORSHIP

February 14, 2009

9:30 AM

### Approaching God

WELCOME

Dr. Alan Landes

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*How Beautiful*  
Chancel Choir

T. Paris

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff LaPrete

Leader: God, your love is the mightiest force in the universe, whispering, roaring, creating, redeeming...and taking delight in us! Thank you for your Word that offers to each of us this measure of your love.

**People: If we are impatient, if we are unkind, if we do not protect, if we delight in another's trouble, then we are not loving with your love. Thank you for empowering us to love by your standard---our will washed in submission, ever rejoicing in heaven's best for the sake of others.**

\*HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymnal, No. 558

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Alan Landes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Debbie Handkins

Children: May the Lord bless you as you worship him...

**People: and may the Lord bless you as you learn to follow him.**

### Confessing Sin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeff LaPrete

Leader: There are many times we think we love you well, O God.

**People: But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love.**

Leader: Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away.

**People: How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us. In grace, rekindle our love for you in seeking anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION *(Use this time for your personal confession as the Holy Spirit leads you.)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins.

**People: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

\*SHARING THE LOVE AND PEACE OF CHRIST

## **Telling Truth**

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 11:17-22

SERMON

***An Agape Meal***

Dr. Alan Landes

## **Responding to God**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

*(Please pass the Fellowship Pad to record your presence with us.)*

OFFERTORY

Teri McKibben, organ

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Dr. Alan Landes

## **Going into the World**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

***We Are Called to be God's People***

Hymnal, No. 710

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

Dr. Alan Landes

\*POSTLUDE

Teri McKibben

*\*Congregation standing for those who are able*