



Today you will be with me in Paradise.

"Celtic Cross" - Iona Community
Photo: Rev. Dr. John F. Ross

Welcome to Wayzata Community Church where lots of different people come together for the shared purpose of worshiping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Wakefield Chapel

March 17, 2019 ❖ 8:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent



WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH
inspire the world

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+ Indicates an invitation to rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE
Improvisation on *Morning Has Broken*
Mark Mueller, Piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP
John Ross

+ OPENING HYMN
Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN) Blue #38

Morning has broken like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where His feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

+ RESPONSIVE PRAYER
Rustin Comer

Leader: With humble hearts, let us pray together.

**All: Jesus, we come to walk the road with You, to follow You to the cross.
We prepare ourselves now to follow Your footprints in the dust.
To understand how You died. To understand how we die.
To understand how You lived. To understand how we should live.**

Leader: In Your darkest hour, You turned to reassure the man beside You – a stranger -
that he would be with You, and You would be with him. You extended eternity
to him, even as You died.

**All: May we, in turn, have the strength, even in our darkest hour, to turn to the
stranger suffering beside us, and extend Your life to them. AMEN.**

+ GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father
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.

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE
Rustin Comer

COMMUNITY MOMENTS
Rustin Comer

SCRIPTURE
Luke 23:32, 39-43
John Ross

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

You will be with me in paradise.

John Ross

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on *Jesus Shall Reign*
Mark Mueller, Piano

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rustin Comer

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rustin Comer

Let us prepare and receive the joyful feast of the people of God.
A gluten-free option is available.

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

Gracious God, with Your followers of every age, we praise You for Your mighty acts. You brought the beautiful world into being, created life in abundant variety to fill the lands and seas, and made humanity in Your image to enjoy the gifts of creation and to follow You. Though each of us has strayed from the path You set for us, You have not abandoned us. You have sent us Your word of loving forgiveness through Your Son, Jesus Christ. For our sake He died on the cross, was raised on the third day, and leads the way to eternal life. We gather at this table to remember Him in the bread and the cup. May Your Spirit, which creates us, redeems us, and sustains us, be present as we share in the blessings of this Holy Communion. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Meditation on *Fairest Lord Jesus*
Mark Mueller, Piano

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Please come forward to receive the Bread & Cup.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Faithful God, in this place and at this table we have witnessed the signs of Your love for each one of us. May we go from this place filled with grateful love for You and confirmed in our intention to share Your love with all who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our host at this table and our guide in all our life. Amen.

+ CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (SLANE)

Blue #391

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom. Be Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son.
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart.
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

+ BENEDICTION

Rustin Comer

Leader: For what does the Lord require of us?

All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on SLANE

Mark Mueller, Piano

...The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service...



Today's Chancel Flowers are given in memory of all who lost their lives in "The Troubles"
and in the hope of enduring peace and reconciliation in Ireland and Northern Ireland.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher	Rev. Dr. John F. Ross
Liturgist	Rev. Rustin Comer
Music	Mark Mueller, Piano
Deacon	Mary Luse
Usher	Bart Foreman