

February 28 2021  
"Having the Mind of Christ"  
"Love Is...A Journey to Philippi"

**GATHERING MUSIC** St. Mark's Carillon  
"Amazing Grace" "Day by Day"  
"Hymn of Promise" "I Come to the Garden"  
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"  
"Shall We Gather at the River"  
"When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

**PREPARATION**

Christ, we pray that you hear our prayer and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you, that we might be vessels of your humility and grace. Lord in your mercy, hear our Lenten prayer. Amen.

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** "Shepherd of Love" John Peterson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In all the places where your love and joy are unheard, where the song of your grace is silenced, and where the noise of sin robs people of life,

**People: Teach us to hear the whispers of your reign, and to quietly, gently, persistently take on the mind of Christ and proclaim your Gospel in word and action. Draw us into your heart, O God, as we worship you today!**

**OPENING HYMN** "Gather Us In" Marty Haugen

**OPENING PRAYER**<sup>†</sup>

Merciful God, You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us a different way to live--the way of deep humility and obedience. You've called us to love one another, and to work together with one heart and with the mind of Christ, balancing our needs with the needs of those around us. Give us courage to follow faithfully and with integrity--with actions that bear witness to the words we speak, and worship that overflows into our daily tasks and relationships--so that our lives will bring glory and honor to you, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

**TIME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN**

**INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** John 15:9-12  
New Testament p.109

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "With the Lord as My Guide"  
Jim Strathdee

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**  
Philippians 2:1-11 New Testament p.196

**MESSAGE "Having the Mind of Christ"**  
**Rev. Sharon Ragland**  
(2nd in the series on "Love Is...A Journey to Philippi")

**CALL TO PRAYER** "Good, Good Father"  
Pat Barrett and Anthony Brown

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING MUSIC** "Let There Be Joy!"  
Israel Houghton and Meleasa Houghton Baloche

**BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION** "Shalom to You" UMH #666

**POSTLUDE** "Oh, How I Love Jesus"  
American Melody

<sup>†</sup>Christine Longhurst, re:Worship

St. Mark's musicians contributing to this morning's worship service include Pete Fine, Cathy Harris-Herchenroeder, Bruce Phillips, Todd Martin, David Ragland, and Donna Reed.