

SONG OF REFLECTION:

The Sanctuary Choir

“Amazing Love! How Can It Be”

Lloyd Larson

And can it be that I should gain an int’rest in the Savior’s blood!
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?
He left His Father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race.
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?
No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine;
Bold I approach th’eternal throne and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?



LENT WORSHIP SERVICE

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR EASTER

*** LENT PRAYER (in unison):**

Lord Jesus, our suffering Savior, when the day drew near for You to be taken up, You set Your face toward Jerusalem. Help us to set our face toward the cross, mourning over our sin that crucified our Savior. Help us to set our face toward the cross, trusting in Your sacrificial death that forgave our sins. Help us to set our face toward the cross, denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following You in sacrificial love. As we look toward the cross, resurrect our hope and renew our faith till You return to renew creation. 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!

*** HYMN OF AFFIRMATION: #308**

“Jesus Paid It All”

ALL TO CHRIST

*** THE BENEDICTION**

“When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem.”
Luke 9:51

THE POSTLUDE

LENT ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE:

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

J. S. Bach

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, Friend most sure and true:
Long my heart was burning, fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for You.
Yours I am, O spotless Lamb, so will I let nothing hide You, seek no joy beside You!

THE WELCOME:

Pastor Mike Palombo

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 119:57-60**

The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep Your words.

I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.

When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.

*** THE OPENING HYMN: #246 “Man of Sorrows! What a Name”**

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively):

You have called us to love You first and foremost, but we have had other gods before You.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

You have called us to worship You alone, but we have created, bowed down, and worshipped other gods.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

You have called us to represent Your name in all we do, but we have taken the name of the Lord our God in vain.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

You have called us to remember the Sabbath and rest in the Lord our Creator and Redeemer, but we have worked every day without resting and acknowledging You.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

You have called us to honor all authorities, but we have not honored our father and mother and leaders over us.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

You have called us to love each other, even our enemies, but we have murdered and hated those who bear Your image.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

You have called us to keep our vows before You, our covenant Lord and our spouses, but we have committed adultery and lusted after others.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

You have called us to give generously to those in need, but we have stolen what is not ours.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

You have called us to speak the truth no matter the cost, but we have spoken lies.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

You have called us to be content with what You provide, but we have coveted our neighbor’s belongings.

Jesus, You are the Lord our God. Forgive us and deliver us from our slavery to sin.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Micah 7:18-19**

*** THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (See Insert)**

”Psalm 32” (vs. 1-3)

VOX DILECTI

LENT MEDITATION: Luke 9:21-27

1. The Danger of Self-Seeking Gain

2. The Gain of Self-Denying Service

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison): THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11**

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death – even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.