

COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FEBRUARY 28TH FOURTH SUNDAY LENT

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship from different locations.

People: Yet, God is near to each of us.

Leader: We come to worship for different reasons.

People: Yet, God is present to each of us.

Leader: We experience the Holy in different ways.

People: Yet, God's covenant remains constant.

ALL: Let us worship God who is always near, ever present and faithful.

HYMN OF PRAISE # 25 NCH "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" vs 1,3,4,6.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

God of Abraham and Sarah, With gratitude we remember all that You provide; Your covenants that promises us much, and the gift of Your Son that frees us. May our worship today prepare our hearts and our spirits to make the commitment of our lives, our spirits, our hearts to minister in Your name. We pray together the words Jesus taught saying..."Our Father, "

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 – Sally Ruef

NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 8:31-38 – Sally Ruef

SERMON Rev. MaryAnn Purtil

HYMN - # 451 NCH "Be Now My Vision"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

SUFFICIENTLY BLESSED LET US BE A BLESSING IN RETURN

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (in unison)

God, You have given us everything. What can we give in return for our lives? Help us to make a commitment of our lives, our spirits, our hearts to ministry in Your name. AMEN.

A SILENT PROMISE OF OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God, we offer these gifts that others might be blessed by Your grace. May they experience peace, and hope, in every moment of their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

HYMN # 436 NCH "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs 1,3,5

BENEDICTION (in unison)

We go with God's grace. May peace reign in our hearts forever! AMEN!!

WE CARRY THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

THE POSTLUDE

**The end of worship is the beginning of our service to God.
Go forth and serve God gladly.**