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PRESERVICE MUSIC

Mark Gourley

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mark Gourley

WELCOME

Drew Herring

PRELUDE

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Mark Gourley

The God of Abraham praise, all praise be to His name,  
who was and is, and is to be fore'er the same!  
The one eternal God, before what now appears;  
the First, the Last: beyond all thought His timeless years!  
His Spirit flowing free, high surges where it will:  
in prophet's word He spoke of old, His voice speaks still.  
Established is His law, and changeless it shall stand,  
it lives upon the human heart, on sea or land.  
He has eternal life implanted in the soul,  
His love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God! All praise be to His name,  
who was, and is, and is to be, fore'er the same!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Genesis 2:7, Ezekiel 37:3, John 3:3, Romans 4:17*

Drew Herring

Does our Creator still breathe life into the dust?

**We hope against hope.**

Can our Redeemer still bring dry bones back to life?

**We hope against hope.**

Does our Sustainer still invite us to be born again?

**We hope against hope.**

If we share in the death and suffering of Jesus, will we also share in his resurrection?

**Together we hope against hope in the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that are not.**

\*LENTEN RESPONSE

*Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity)*

Mark Gourley

**Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jennifer Clatterbuck

RECOGNITION OF ANN BEYER

James Turner

**CENTERING PRAYER**

Skyler Daniel

**SERMON**

*Hoping Against Hope*  
Romans 4: 13-25

Drew Herring

**SOLO**

*Be Still My Soul*

Judy Gourley

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide; in every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future, as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake, All now mysterious shall be bright at last,  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: The hour is hastening on, When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Bruce Wilson

**LENTEN RESPONSE (Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH)**

Mark Gourley

**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
Drew, Skyler, Jennifer, Mark, Billie Jo, Sherry, Ann and Daryl  
by Ken and Susan Stokes.*

Postludes are being omitted during Lent due to the solemnity of the season.

We ask that worshipers in the Sanctuary wait to be dismissed by an usher and please exit the building before socializing.